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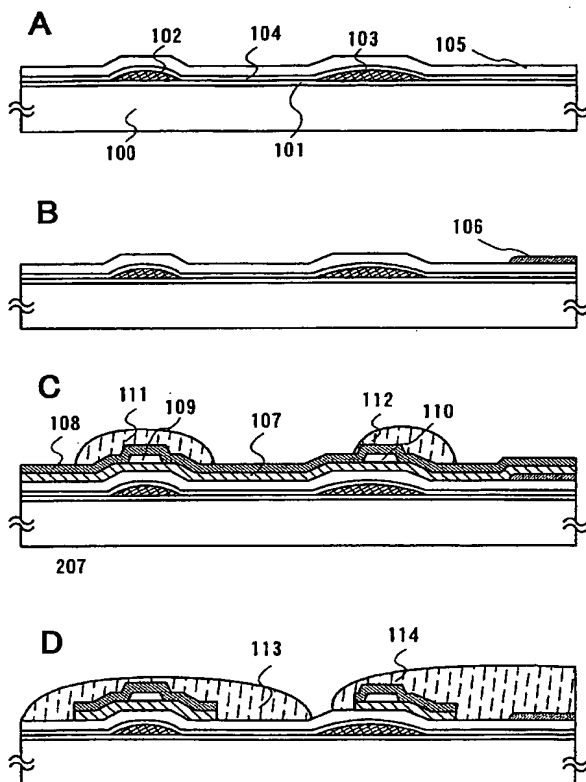
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(57) Abstract: An object of the invention is to provide a display device which can be manufactured with usability of a material improved and with a manufacturing step simplified and to provide a manufacturing technique thereof. One feature of a light emitting display device of the present invention is to comprise a gate electrode formed over a substrate having an insulating surface with a substance having a photocatalytic function therebetween, a gate insulating layer formed over the gate electrode, a semiconductor layer and a first electrode formed over the gate insulating layer, a wiring layer formed over the semiconductor layer, a partition wall covering an edge portion of the first electrode and the wiring layer, an electroluminescent layer over the first electrode, and a second electrode over the electroluminescent layer, wherein the wiring layer covers the edge portion of the first electrode.



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DESCRIPTION

**LIGHT EMITTING DISPLAY DEVICE, METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING
THE SAME, AND TV SET**

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TECHNICAL FIELD

The present invention relates to a light emitting display device (light emitting device) employing a droplet discharge method and to a manufacturing method thereof.

10 **BACKGROUND ART**

A thin film transistor (hereinafter, referred to as a "TFT") and an electronic circuit using the thin film transistor are manufactured by laminating various types of thin films of a semiconductor, an insulating material, a conductive material, and the like over a substrate and, then, appropriately forming a predetermined pattern with a photolithography technique. The photolithography technique means a technique of transferring a pattern of a circuit or the like formed over a surface of a transparent flat plane referred to as a photomask by using a material which does not transmit light onto a targeted substrate by utilizing light, and the technique has widely been used in a manufacturing step of a semiconductor integrated circuit or the like.

20 In a manufacturing step employing a conventional photolithography technique, it is necessary to perform a multi-stage step including light exposure, developing, baking, peeling-off, and the like only for treating a mask pattern which is formed by using a photosensitive organic resin material referred to as a photoresist. Therefore, as the number of times of the photolithography step is increased more, a manufacturing cost is inevitably increased more. In order to improve such problems as described above, it has been tried to manufacture the TFT by reducing the number of the photolithography step (for example, Reference 1: Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. H11-251259).

30 However, in the technique disclosed in Reference 1, only a part of the photolithography step which is carried out plural times in a TFT manufacturing step is

replaced by a printing method and no contribution is made to a drastic reduction in the number of steps. Further, a light exposing apparatus to be used for transferring the mask pattern in the photolithography technique transfers a pattern of from several micrometers to 1 micrometer or less by equivalent projection light exposure or reduction projection light exposure. It is theoretically difficult for the light exposing apparatus to expose a large area substrate having a side of more than 1 meter to light all at once from a technical standpoint.

DISCLOSURE OF INVENTION

It is an object of the present invention to provide a technique in which, in a manufacturing step of a TFT, an electronic circuit using the TFT, or a light emitting display device formed by using the TFT, the manufacturing step is simplified by reducing the number of times of the photolithography step or by eliminating the photolithography step itself, and manufacturing can be executed on a large area substrate having a side of more than 1 meter with a higher yield at lower cost.

The following measures are taken in the present invention to solve the problems of the above-mentioned related art.

One feature of the present invention is that at least one or more of patterns required to manufacture a display panel, such as a wiring layer, a conductive layer for forming an electrode, or a mask layer for forming a predetermined pattern is/are formed by a method capable of selectively forming a pattern, and then, a light emitting display device is manufactured. A droplet discharge method (also referred to as an ink-jet method, depending on its mode) that can form a conductive layer, an insulating layer, or the like into a predetermined pattern by selectively discharging a droplet of a composition mixed for a particular purpose is employed as the method capable of selectively forming a pattern. In addition, a method capable of transferring or drawing a pattern, for example, a printing method (a method for forming a pattern, such as screen printing or offset printing) or the like can also be employed.

The present invention is a light emitting display device in which a light emitting element having, between electrodes, a medium including an organic material or

a mixture of an organic material and an inorganic material that causes luminescence referred to as electroluminescence (hereinafter, also referred to as "EL") and a TFT are connected, and such a light emitting display device is manufactured by using a droplet discharge method.

5 According to the present invention, a means of improving adhesion (base pretreatment) is taken for a region to be provided with a pattern in forming a pattern by a droplet discharge method, thereby improving reliability of a light emitting display device.

10 Another feature of the present invention is that a substance constituting a light emitting display device, such as a wiring, a semiconductor film, an insulating film, or a mask is formed by utilizing photocatalytic activity of a substance having a photocatalytic function (hereinafter, simply referred to as a photocatalytic substance). When a predetermined pattern is formed by discharging a droplet including a predetermined composition from a fine pore in the step, a substance having a
15 photocatalytic function is formed as a base and its photocatalytic activity is utilized to improve adhesion. Specifically, a wiring material mixed into a solvent (including a wiring material (conductive material) dissolved or dispersed in a solvent) is formed over the photocatalytic substance or at opposite ends thereof by an application method or the like, thereby forming a wiring. For example, a conductive material mixed into a
20 solvent is discharged onto the photocatalytic substance by a droplet discharge method. The conductive material mixed into a solvent may be formed over the photocatalytic substance by a spin coating method, a dipping method, another application method, or a printing method (a method for forming a pattern, such as screen printing or offset printing) besides a droplet discharge method.

25 It is preferable to use titanium oxide (TiO_x), strontium titanate (SrTiO_3), cadmium selenide (CdSe), potassium tantalate (KTaO_3), cadmium sulfide (CdS), zirconium oxide (ZrO_2), niobium oxide (Nb_2O_5), zinc oxide (ZnO), iron oxide (Fe_2O_3), tungsten oxide (WO_3), or the like as the photocatalytic substance. The photocatalytic substance may be irradiated with light of an ultraviolet light region (wavelength: 400
30 nm or less, preferably, 380 nm or less) to be photocatalytically activated.

The photocatalytic substance can be formed by a dip coating method of a sol-gel method, a spin coating method, a droplet discharge method, an ion plating method, an ion beam method, a CVD method, a sputtering method, an RF magnetron sputtering method, a plasma spray method, or an anodic oxidation method. In addition, the substance does not need to have continuity as a film, depending on its formation method. The photocatalytic substance can be formed by mixing and melting a salt of a constituent element, in the case of a photocatalytic substance made of an oxide semiconductor including a plurality of metals. A solvent may be baked or dried when it is necessary to be removed in the case of forming the photocatalytic substance by an application method such as a dip coating method or a spin coating method. Specifically, it may be heated at a predetermined temperature (for example, 300 °C or more), preferably, in an atmosphere including oxygen. For example, baking is performed using Ag as conductive paste in an atmosphere including oxygen and nitrogen; then, an organic material such as a thermosetting resin is decomposed. Therefore, Ag without containing an organic material can be obtained. Accordingly, planarity on the surface of Ag can be enhanced.

According to the heat treatment, the photocatalytic substance can have a predetermined crystal structure. For example, it has an anatase type or a rutile-anatase mixed type. The anatase type is preferentially formed in a low temperature phase. Therefore, the photocatalytic substance may also be heated when it does not have a predetermined crystal structure. In addition, the photocatalytic substance can be formed plural times to obtain a predetermined film thickness in the case of being formed by an application method.

For example, TiO_x is not hydrophilic but oleophilic, that is, water-repellent before being irradiated with light. Light irradiation causes photocatalytic activity, and TiO_x is converted into hydrophilic and non-oleophilic, that is, oil-repellent. Note that TiO_x can be at once hydrophilic and oleophilic depending on a length of irradiation time.

Note that "hydrophilic" means a state which is easy to be got wet with water and has a contact angle of 30° or less. Specifically, a state having a contact angle of 5°

or less is referred to as "super-hydrophilic". On the other hand, "water-repellent" means a state which is hard to be got wet with water and has a contact angle of 90° or more. Similarly, "oleophilic" means a state which is easy to be got wet with oil, and "oil-repellent" means a state which is hard to be got wet with oil. Note that the contact angle means an angle made by a formation face and a tangent to a droplet on the edge of a dropped dot.

Namely, a region irradiated with light (hereinafter, referred to as an irradiation region) becomes hydrophilic or super-hydrophilic (simply collectively referred to as hydrophilic). At this time, light irradiation is performed so that a width of an irradiation region is a desired width of a wiring. Thereafter, a dot including a conductive material mixed into a water-based solvent is discharged from above the irradiation region to the irradiation region by a droplet discharge method. Then, a smaller wiring in width, that is, a narrower wiring than a diameter of a dot discharged merely by a droplet discharge method can be formed. This is because the irradiation region is formed to have a desired width of a wiring, and then, a discharged dot can be prevented from spreading on a formation surface. Further, a wiring can be formed along the irradiation region even in the case where a dot is discharged out of alignment to some extent. Thus, a position of a wiring to be formed can be controlled with accuracy.

In the case of using a water-based solvent, it is preferable to add a surfactant in order to smoothly discharge a droplet from a nozzle of an inkjet apparatus.

In the case of discharging a composition (conductive material) mixed into an oil-based (alcohol-based) solvent, a wiring can be similarly formed by discharging the composition (conductive material) onto a region which is not irradiated with light (hereinafter, referred to as a non-irradiation region) and discharging a dot from above the non-irradiation region to the non-irradiation region. Namely, opposite ends of a region where a pattern (wiring) is to be formed, that is, the periphery surrounding the region where a wiring is to be formed may be irradiated with light, thereby forming an irradiation region. Since the irradiation region is oil-repellent at this time, a dot including the conductive material mixed into an oil-based (alcohol-based) solvent is

selectively formed in the non-irradiation region. Namely, light irradiation may be performed so that a width of the non-irradiation region is a desired width of a wiring.

Note that a nonpolar solvent or a low polar solvent can be used as the oil-based (alcohol-based) solvent. For example, terpineol, mineral spirit, xylene, toluene, ethyl
5 benzene, mesitylene, hexane, heptane, octane, decane, dodecane, cyclohexane, or cyclooctane can be used.

Further, photocatalytic activity can be enhanced by doping a transition metal (such as Pd, Pt, Cr, Ni, V, Mn, Fe, Ce, Mo, or W) into the photocatalytic substance, and photocatalytic activity can be caused by light of a visible light region (wavelength: from
10 400 nm to 800 nm). This is because the transition metal can form a new level within a forbidden band of an active photocatalyst having a wide band gap and can expand a light absorption range to a visible light region. For example, an acceptor type such as Cr or Ni, a donor type such as V or Mn, an amphoteric type such as Fe, or other types such as Ce, Mo, and W can be doped. A wavelength of light can thus be determined
15 depending on the photocatalytic substance. Therefore, light irradiation means to irradiate with light having such a wavelength that photocatalytically activates the photocatalytic substance.

When the photocatalytic substance is heated and reduced in a vacuum or under reflux of hydrogen, an oxygen defect is generated in crystal. Without doping the
20 transition element, an oxygen defect plays a similar role to an electron donor in this way. Specifically, in the case of forming the photocatalytic substance by a sol-gel method, the photocatalytic substance may not be reduced since an oxygen defect exists from the beginning. In addition, an oxygen defect can be formed by doping a gas of N₂ or the like.

25 A conductive layer made of a refractory metal as well as the photocatalytic substance may be formed. The refractory metal may be formed by using a material such as Ti (titanium), W (tungsten), Cr (chromium), Al (aluminum), Ta (tantalum), Ni (nickel), Zr (zirconium), Hf (hafnium), V (vanadium), Ir (iridium), Nb (niobium), Pd (lead), Pt (platinum), Mo (molybdenum), Co (cobalt), or Rh (rhodium). In addition,
30 the conductive layer is formed by a known method such as a sputtering method, a vapor

deposition method, an ion implantation method, a CVD method, a dipping method, or a spin coating method, and preferably, it is formed by a sputtering method, a dipping method, or a spin coating method. In the case where the conductive layer is to be insulated later, it is simple and preferable to form the conductive layer to have a thickness of from 0.01 nm to 10 nm and to be insulated by natural oxidation.

Alternatively, a method for performing plasma treatment on a formation region (formation face) is employed as another method. The plasma treatment is performed with air, oxygen, or nitrogen used as a treatment gas, with pressure from several tens of Torr to 1000 Torr (133000 Pa), preferably, from 100 Torr (13300 Pa) to 1000 Torr (133000 Pa), more preferably, from 700 Torr (93100 Pa) to 800 Torr (106400 Pa), that is, atmospheric pressure or pressure in proximity of atmospheric pressure, and a pulse voltage is applied under such conditions. At this time, plasma density is set from $1 \times 10^{10} \text{ m}^{-3}$ to $1 \times 10^{14} \text{ m}^{-3}$, so-called corona discharge or glow discharge. Surface modification can be performed without material dependence by employing plasma treatment using air, oxygen, or nitrogen as a treatment gas. Accordingly, surface modification can be performed on any material.

As another alternative method, a substance of an organic material functioning as an adhesive may be formed to improve adhesion of a pattern to be formed by a droplet discharge method with a formation region thereof. A film made of one of or a plurality of photosensitive or non-photosensitive organic materials (organic resin materials) (polyimide, acrylic, polyamide, polyimide amide, a resist, benzocyclobutene, and the like), Low k materials having a low dielectric constant, and the like, or a laminate thereof can be used as the material. In addition, a material in which a skeletal structure is configured by a bond of silicon (Si) and oxygen (O) and which contains at least hydrogen as a substituent or which contains at least one of fluorine, an alkyl group, and aromatic hydrocarbon as a substituent may be used. A droplet discharge method or a printing method (a method for forming a pattern, such as screen printing or offset printing) can be employed as a manufacturing method. A TOF film, an SOG film, or the like obtained by an application method can be used.

The step performed for improvement in adhesion or surface modification as

base pretreatment on a region of the conductive material formed by using a droplet discharge method may be performed in the case where a conductive material is further formed over a pattern formed by using a droplet discharge method.

As for the composition to be discharged from the discharging opening by a droplet discharge method to form a conductive material (conductive layer), a conductive material dissolved or dispersed in a solvent is used. The conductive material corresponds to a fine particle or a dispersant nano-particle of a metal such as Ag, Au, Cu, Ni, Pt, Pd, Ir, Rh, W, or Al, sulfide of a metal such as Cd or Zn, oxide of Fe, Ti, Si, Ge, Zr, Ba, or the like, or silver halide. In addition, it corresponds to indium tin oxide (ITO), ITSO made of indium tin oxide and silicon oxide, organic indium, organic tin, zinc oxide, titanium nitride, or the like which is used as a transparent conductive film. However, as for compositions to be discharged from the discharging opening, it is preferable to use any material selected from gold, silver, and copper, which is dissolved or dispersed in a solvent, taking a specific resistance value into consideration. It is more preferable to use silver or copper having a low resistance value. When silver or copper is used, a barrier film may be additionally provided as a measure for an impurity. A silicon nitride film or nickel boron (NiB) can be used as the barrier film.

In addition, a particle in which a conductive material is coated with other conductive materials to be a plurality of layers may be used. For example, a three-layer structure particle in which copper is coated with nickel boron (NiB), and then coated with silver may be used. As for such solvents, esters such as butyl acetate and ethyl acetate; alcohols such as isopropyl alcohol and ethyl alcohol; organic solvents such as methyl ethyl ketone and acetone; or the like may be used. The viscosity of the composition is preferably 50 mPa·S (cps) or less. This is because the composition is prevented from drying or the composition is smoothly discharged from the discharging opening. The surface tension of the composition is preferably 40 mN/m or less. However, the viscosity of the composition and the like may be appropriately adjusted in accordance with a solvent to be used and intended use. For example, the viscosity of a composition in which ITO, organic indium, or organic tin is dissolved or dispersed in the solvent is from 5 mPa·S to 50 mPa·S, the viscosity of a composition in which silver

is dissolved or dispersed in the solvent is from 5 mPa·S to 20 mPa·S, and the viscosity of a composition in which gold is dissolved or dispersed in the solvent is from 10 mPa·S to 20 mPa·S.

5 A light emitting display device of the present invention comprises: a gate electrode formed over a substrate having an insulating surface with a substance having a photocatalytic function therebetween; a gate insulating layer formed over the gate electrode; a semiconductor layer and a first electrode formed over the gate insulating layer; a wiring layer formed over the semiconductor layer; a partition wall covering an edge portion of the first electrode and the wiring layer; an electroluminescent layer over
10 the first electrode; and a second electrode over the electroluminescent layer, wherein the wiring layer covers the edge portion of the first electrode.

A light emitting display device of the present invention comprises: a wiring layer and a first electrode formed over a substrate having an insulating surface with a substance having a photocatalytic function therebetween; a semiconductor layer formed
15 over the wiring layer; a gate insulating layer formed over the semiconductor layer; a gate electrode formed over the gate insulating layer; a partition wall covering an edge portion of the first electrode and the wiring layer; an electroluminescent layer over the first electrode; and a second electrode over the electroluminescent layer, wherein the wiring layer covers the edge portion of the first electrode.

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over the wiring layer; a gate insulating layer formed over the semiconductor layer; a gate electrode formed over the gate insulating layer; a partition wall covering an edge portion of the first electrode and the wiring layer; an electroluminescent layer over the first electrode; and a second electrode over the electroluminescent layer, wherein the
5 first electrode covers an edge portion of the wiring layer.

A light emitting display device of the present invention comprises: a conductive layer including a refractory metal over a substrate having an insulating surface; a gate electrode formed over the conductive layer; a gate insulating layer formed over the gate electrode; a semiconductor layer and a first electrode formed over
10 the gate insulating layer; a wiring layer formed over the semiconductor layer; a partition wall covering an edge portion of the first electrode and the wiring layer; an electroluminescent layer over the first electrode; and a second electrode over the electroluminescent layer, wherein the wiring layer covers the edge portion of the first electrode.

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10 electroluminescent layer, wherein the first electrode covers an edge portion of the wiring layer.

In the above structure, the semiconductor layer may be a semi-amorphous semiconductor containing hydrogen and halogen and having a crystal structure. A TV set including a display screen, which is formed by using the light emitting display
15 device having the above-described structure, can be manufactured.

A method for manufacturing a light emitting display device of the present invention comprises the steps of: forming a gate electrode over a substrate having an insulating surface with a substance having a photocatalytic function therebetween by a droplet discharge method; forming a gate insulating layer over the gate electrode;
20 forming a semiconductor layer over the gate insulating layer; forming a first electrode over the gate insulating layer by a droplet discharge method; forming a wiring layer over the semiconductor layer by a droplet discharge method to cover an edge of the first electrode; forming a partition wall to cover the edge portion of the first electrode and the wiring layer; forming an electroluminescent layer over the first electrode; and
25 forming a second electrode over the electroluminescent layer by a droplet discharge method.

A method for manufacturing a light emitting display device of the present invention comprises the steps of: forming a first electrode over a substrate having an insulating surface with a substance having a photocatalytic function therebetween by a
30 droplet discharge method; forming a wiring layer over the substrate having an insulating

surface with a substance having a photocatalytic function therebetween to cover an edge portion of the first electrode; forming a semiconductor layer over the wiring layer; forming a gate insulating layer over the semiconductor layer; forming a gate electrode over the gate insulating layer by a droplet discharge method; forming a partition wall to cover the edge portion of the first electrode and the wiring layer; forming an electroluminescent layer over the first electrode; and forming a second electrode over the electroluminescent layer by a droplet discharge method.

A method for manufacturing a light emitting display device of the present invention comprises the steps of: forming a gate electrode over a substrate having an insulating surface with a substance having a photocatalytic function therebetween by a droplet discharge method; forming a gate insulating layer over the gate electrode; forming a semiconductor layer over the gate insulating layer; forming a wiring layer over the semiconductor layer by a droplet discharge method; forming a first electrode over the gate insulating layer by a droplet discharge method to cover an edge portion of the wiring layer; forming a partition wall to cover an edge portion of the first electrode and the wiring layer; forming an electroluminescent layer over the first electrode; and forming a second electrode over the electroluminescent layer by a droplet discharge method.

A method for manufacturing a light emitting display device of the present invention comprises the steps of: forming a wiring layer over a substrate having an insulating surface with a substance having a photocatalytic function therebetween by a droplet discharge method; forming a first electrode over the substrate having an insulating surface with a substance having a photocatalytic function therebetween by a droplet discharge method to cover an edge portion of the wiring layer; forming a semiconductor layer over the wiring layer; forming a gate insulating layer over the semiconductor layer; forming a gate electrode over the gate insulating layer by a droplet discharge method; forming a partition wall to cover an edge portion of the first electrode and the wiring layer; forming an electroluminescent layer over the first electrode; and forming a second electrode over the electroluminescent layer by a droplet discharge method.

A method for manufacturing a light emitting display device of the present invention comprises the steps of: forming a conductive layer including a refractory metal over a substrate having an insulating surface; forming a gate electrode over the conductive layer by a droplet discharge method; forming a gate insulating layer over the gate electrode; forming a semiconductor layer over the gate insulating layer; forming a first electrode over the gate insulating layer by a droplet discharge method; forming a wiring layer over the semiconductor layer by a droplet discharge method to cover an edge portion of the first electrode; forming a partition wall to cover the edge portion of the first electrode and the wiring layer; forming an electroluminescent layer over the first electrode; and forming a second electrode over the electroluminescent layer by a droplet discharge method.

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electrode and the wiring layer; forming an electroluminescent layer over the first electrode; and forming a second electrode over the electroluminescent layer by a droplet discharge method.

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15 The gate insulating layer can prevent the gate electrode from oxidizing and can have a favorable interface with a semiconductor layer to be formed on an upper layer side of the gate insulating layer by sequentially laminating a first silicon nitride film, a silicon oxide film, and a second silicon nitride film.

20 According to the present invention, the gate electrode layer, the wiring layer, and the mask layer used in patterning are formed by a droplet discharge method as described above. However, its object is achieved by forming at least one or more of patterns required for manufacturing a light emitting display device with a method capable of selectively forming a pattern and by manufacturing a light emitting display device.

25 In addition, the partition wall may be made of an organic material, an inorganic material, or a material in which a skeletal structure is configured by a bond of silicon and oxygen. Since the organic material is superior in the planarity, the film thickness does not become extremely thin and disconnection does not occur in an uneven portion even when the conductive material is formed later; therefore, it is preferable. In addition, the organic material has a low dielectric constant. Accordingly, when the

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organic material is used as an interlayer insulating material of a plurality of wirings, the wiring capacity is reduced. Then, a multilayer wiring can be formed, and higher efficiency and higher function can be obtained.

On the other hand, a siloxane polymer can be given as a typical example of the material in which a skeletal structure is configured by a bond of silicon and oxygen. Specifically, it is a material in which a skeletal structure is configured by a bond of silicon and oxygen and which contains at least hydrogen as a substituent or which contains at least one of fluorine, an alkyl group, and aromatic hydrocarbon as a substituent. The material is also superior in planarity and has transparency and heat resistance. An insulating material made of a siloxane polymer can be heat-treated at a temperature of approximately equal to or less than from 300 °C to 600 °C after formation.

According to the present invention, patterning of a wiring layer and a mask layer can be directly performed by a droplet discharge method. Therefore, it is possible to obtain a TFT in which usability of a material is improved and a manufacturing step is simplified and a highly reliable light emitting display device therewith.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

FIGS. 1A to 1D show a method for manufacturing a light emitting display device of the present invention.

FIGS. 2A and 2B show a method for manufacturing a light emitting display device of the present invention.

FIGS. 3A to 3D show a method for manufacturing a light emitting display device of the present invention.

FIGS. 4A and 4B show a method for manufacturing a light emitting display device of the present invention.

FIGS. 5A to 5D show a method for manufacturing a light emitting display device of the present invention.

FIGS. 6A and 6B show a method for manufacturing a light emitting display

device of the present invention.

FIGS. 7A to 7D show a method for manufacturing a light emitting display device of the present invention.

FIGS. 8A and 8B show a method for manufacturing a light emitting display device of the present invention.

FIGS. 9A to 9D show a method for manufacturing a light emitting display device of the present invention.

FIG. 10 shows a method for manufacturing a light emitting display device of the present invention.

FIGS. 11A to 11D show a method for manufacturing a light emitting display device of the present invention.

FIG. 12 shows a method for manufacturing a light emitting display device of the present invention.

FIG. 13 shows a method for manufacturing a light emitting display device of the present invention.

FIGS. 14A to 14D show a method for manufacturing a light emitting display device of the present invention.

FIGS. 15A and 15B show a method for manufacturing a light emitting display device of the present invention.

FIGS. 16A and 16B are a top view and a circuit diagram of a pixel circuit in a light emitting display device of the present invention.

FIGS. 17A to 17C show a light emitting display device of the present invention.

FIGS. 18A to 18C show an electronic device to which the present invention is applied.

FIG. 19 shows an electronic device to which the present invention is applied.

FIG. 20 is a top view of a panel that is one mode of a semiconductor device to which the present invention is applied.

FIG. 21 is a block diagram showing a major structure of an electronic device of the present invention.

FIG. 22 shows a structure of a droplet discharge apparatus which can be applied to the present invention.

FIG. 23 shows a light emitting display device to which the present invention is applied.

5 FIGS. 24A to 24C show a pixel circuit of a light emitting display device to which the present invention is applied.

FIGS. 25A and 25B show a protection circuit included in a light emitting display device of the present invention.

10 FIGS. 26A to 26C show a protection circuit included in a light emitting display device of the present invention.

FIGS. 27A and 27B show an electronic device to which the present invention is applied.

BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION

15 Embodiment modes of the present invention are described in detail with reference to drawings. Note that the present invention is not limited to the following description. As is easily known to a person skilled in the art, the mode and the detail of the invention can be variously changed without departing from the purpose and the scope of the present invention. Thus, the present invention is not interpreted while
20 limiting to the following description of the embodiment mode. Note that the same reference numeral is given to the same portion or a portion having a similar function among different diagrams in a structure of the present invention to be described hereinafter, and repetitive description is omitted.

[Embodiment Mode 1]

25 An embodiment mode of the present invention is described with reference to FIGS. 1A to 1D and FIGS. 2A and 2B. Specifically, a method for manufacturing a light emitting display device to which the present invention is applied is described. First, a method for manufacturing a light emitting display device having a channel protective thin film transistor in which the present invention is applied to manufacturing
30 of a gate electrode and a source-drain wiring is described with reference to FIGS. 1A to

1D and FIGS. 2A and 2B.

A base film 101 that improves adhesion is formed over a substrate 100 as base pretreatment. A glass substrate made of barium borosilicate glass, aluminoborosilicate glass, or the like, a quartz substrate, a silicon substrate, a metal substrate, a stainless steel substrate, or a heat-resistant plastic substrate which can withstand a processing temperature in this manufacturing step can be used as the substrate 100. In addition, a surface of the substrate 100 may be polished by a CMP method or the like so that it is planarized. Note that an insulating layer may be formed over the substrate 100. The insulating layer is formed by using an oxide or nitride material containing silicon by a known method such as a CVD method, a plasma CVD method, a sputtering method, or a spin coating method to be a single layer or a laminated layer. The insulating layer may not be formed, but it is effective in blocking a contaminant from the substrate 100 and the like. In the case of forming the insulating layer to prevent contamination from a glass substrate, the base film 101 is formed as base pretreatment for conductive layers 102 and 103 to be formed thereover by a droplet discharge method.

One mode of a droplet discharge apparatus used for formation of a pattern is shown in FIG. 22. Each head 1405 of a droplet discharge means 1403 is connected to a control means 1407, and is controlled by a computer 1410, so that a preprogrammed pattern can be drawn. The timing of drawing may be determined based on a marker 1411 that is formed over a substrate 1400, for example. Alternatively, a benchmark can be fixed based on an edge of the substrate 1400. That is detected by an imaging means 1404 such as a CCD, and changed into a digital signal at an image processing means 1409. Then, the digital signal is recognized by the computer 1410, and a control signal is generated and is transmitted to the control means 1407. Naturally, information on a pattern to be formed over the substrate 1400 is stored in a storage medium 1408, and a control signal is transmitted to the control means 1407 based on the information, so that each head 1405 of the droplet discharge means 1403 can be individually controlled. A pattern can be drawn using one head by discharging each of a conductive material, an organic or inorganic material, and the like. When a pattern is

drawn over a wide area, for example, an interlayer film, one material is simultaneously discharged from a plurality of nozzles to improve a throughput, and thus, drawing can be performed. When a large-size substrate is used, the head 1405 can freely move over the substrate and a region to be drawn can be set freely. Thus, a plurality of the
5 same patterns can be drawn over one substrate.

In this embodiment mode, a substance having a function of a photocatalytic function is used as a base film having a function of improving adhesion. The photocatalytic substance can be formed by a dip coating method of a sol-gel method, a spin coating method, a droplet discharge method, an ion plating method, an ion beam
10 method, a CVD method, a sputtering method, an RF magnetron sputtering method, a plasma spray method, or an anodic oxidation method. In addition, the substance does not need to have continuity as a film depending on its formation method. The photocatalytic substance can be formed by mixing and melting a salt of a constituent element, in the case of a photocatalytic substance made of an oxide semiconductor
15 including a plurality of metals. A solvent may be baked or dried when it is necessary to be removed in the case of forming the photocatalytic substance by an application method such as a dip coating method or a spin coating method. Specifically, it may be heated at a predetermined temperature (for example, 300 °C or more), preferably, in an atmosphere including oxygen. For example, Ag is used as conductive paste and
20 baking is performed in an atmosphere including oxygen and nitrogen; then, an organic material such as a thermosetting resin is decomposed. Thus, Ag without containing an organic material can be obtained. Accordingly, planarity on the surface of Ag can be enhanced.

According to the heat treatment, the photocatalytic substance can have a
25 predetermined crystal structure. For example, it has an anatase type or a rutile-anatase mixed type. The anatase type is preferentially formed in a low temperature phase. Therefore, the photocatalytic substance may be heated even when it does not have a predetermined crystal structure. In addition, the photocatalytic substance can be formed plural times to obtain a predetermined film thickness in the case of being
30 formed by an application method.

The case of forming TiO_x (typically, TiO_2) crystal having a predetermined crystal structure by a sputtering method as a photocatalytic substance is described in this embodiment mode. Sputtering is performed using a metal titanium tube as a target and using an argon gas and oxygen. Further, a He gas may be introduced. The atmosphere is made to include much oxygen and formation pressure is set high to form TiO_x having high photocatalytic activity. It is preferable to form TiO_x while heating a film formation chamber or a substrate provided with an object to be treated.

The thus formed TiO_x has a photocatalytic function even when it is a very thin film.

Further, it is preferable to form the base film 101 made of a metal material such as Ti (titanium), W (tungsten), Cr (chromium), Ta (tantalum), Ni (nickel), or Mo (molybdenum), or oxide thereof by a sputtering method, a vapor deposition method, or the like as another base pretreatment.

The base film 101 may be formed to be from 0.01 nm to 10 nm in thickness. It may be formed to be very thin and need not necessarily have a layer structure. When a refractory metal material is used as the base film, it is preferable to treat a base film exposed on the surface by carrying out either of the following two steps after forming the conductive layers 102 and 103 to be a gate electrode layer.

The first method is a step of insulating the base film 101 which is not overlapped with the conductive layers 102 and 103 and forming an insulating layer. In other words, the base film 101 which is not overlapped with the conductive layers 102 and 103 is oxidized and insulated. When the base film 101 is oxidized and insulated in this way, it is preferable to form the base film 101 to be from 0.01 nm to 10 nm in thickness; thus, the base film can be easily oxidized. Note that oxidization may be performed by exposing to an oxygen atmosphere or by heat-treating.

The second method is a step of removing the base film 101 by etching using the conductive layers 102 and 103 as a mask. When this step is employed, there is no limitation on a thickness of the base film 101.

Alternatively, a method of performing plasma treatment on a formation region (formation face) can be employed as another base pretreatment. The plasma treatment

is performed with air, oxygen, or nitrogen used as a treatment gas, with pressure from several tens of Torr to 1000 Torr (133000 Pa), preferably, from 100 Torr (13300 Pa) to 1000 Torr (133000 Pa), more preferably, from 700 Torr (93100 Pa) to 800 Torr (106400 Pa), that is, atmospheric pressure or pressure in proximity of atmospheric pressure, and
5 a pulse voltage is applied under such conditions. At this time, plasma density is set from $1 \times 10^{10} \text{ m}^{-3}$ to $1 \times 10^{14} \text{ m}^{-3}$, so-called corona discharge or glow discharge. Surface modification can be performed without material dependence by employing plasma treatment using air, oxygen, or nitrogen as a treatment gas. Accordingly, surface modification can be performed on any material.

10 As another method, a substance of an organic material functioning as an adhesive may be formed to improve adhesion of a pattern to be formed by a droplet discharge method with a formation region thereof. An organic material (organic resin material) (polyimide or acrylic) or a material in which a skeletal structure is configured by a bond of silicon (Si) and oxygen (O) and which contains at least hydrogen as a
15 substituent or which contains at least one of fluorine, an alkyl group, and aromatic hydrocarbon as a substituent may be used.

Subsequently, a composition including a conductive material is discharged, and conductive layers 102 and 103 to function as a gate electrode later are formed. The conductive layers 102 and 103 are formed by using a droplet discharge means.

20 The conductive layers 102 and 103 are formed by using the droplet discharge means. The droplet discharge means is a general term for the one having a means of discharging a droplet such as a nozzle having a discharging opening of a composition or a head equipped with one nozzle or plural nozzles. A diameter of the nozzle included in the droplet discharge means is set in the range of from 0.02 μm to 100 μm (favorably,
25 30 μm or less) and a volume of the composition to be discharged from the nozzle is set in the range of from 0.001 pl to 100 pl (favorably, 10 pl or less). The volume of the composition to be discharged increases in proportion to a size of the diameter of the nozzle. Further, it is preferable that a distance between an object to be treated and the discharging openings of the nozzle is as short as possible in order to drop the droplet on
30 a desired position. The distance is favorably set in the range of about from 0.1 mm to

3 mm (more favorably, 1 mm or less).

As for the composition to be discharged from the discharging opening, a conductive material dissolved or dispersed in a solvent is used. The conductive material corresponds to a fine particle or a dispersant nano-particle of a metal such as Ag, Au, Cu, Ni, Pt, Pd, Ir, Rh, W, or Al, sulfide of a metal such as Cd or Zn, oxide of Fe, Ti, Si, Ge, Zr, Ba, or the like, or silver halide. In addition, it corresponds to indium tin oxide (ITO), ITSO made of indium tin oxide and silicon oxide, organic indium, organic tin, zinc oxide, titanium nitride, or the like which is used as a transparent conductive film. However, as for compositions to be discharged from the discharging opening, it is preferable to use any material selected from gold, silver, and copper, which is dissolved or dispersed in a solvent, taking a specific resistance value into consideration. It is more preferable to use silver or copper having a low resistance value. When silver or copper is used, a barrier film may be additionally provided as a measure for an impurity. A silicon nitride film or nickel boron (NiB) can be used as the barrier film.

In addition, a particle in which a conductive material is coated with other conductive materials to be a plurality of layers may be used. For example, a three-layer structure particle in which copper is coated with nickel boron (NiB), and then, coated with silver may be used. As for such solvents, esters such as butyl acetate and ethyl acetate; alcohols such as isopropyl alcohol and ethyl alcohol; organic solvents such as methyl ethyl ketone and acetone; or the like may be used. The viscosity of the composition is preferably 50 mPa·S (cps) or less. This is because the composition is prevented from drying or the composition is smoothly discharged from the discharging opening. The surface tension of the composition is preferably 40 mN/m or less. Note that the viscosity of the composition and the like may be appropriately adjusted in accordance with a solvent to be used and intended use. For example, the viscosity of a composition in which ITO, organic indium, or organic tin is dissolved or dispersed in the solvent is from 5 mPa·S to 50 mPa·S, the viscosity of a composition in which silver is dissolved or dispersed in the solvent is from 5 mPa·S to 20 mPa·S, and the viscosity of a composition in which gold is dissolved or dispersed in the solvent is from 10 mPa·S to 20 mPa·S.

The conductive layer may be formed by laminating a plurality of conductive materials. In addition, the conductive layer may be formed by a droplet discharge method using silver as a conductive material; thereafter, it may be plated with copper or the like. Plating may be performed by electroplating or a chemical (electroless) plating method. Plating may be performed by soaking a substrate surface into a container filled with a solution having a plating material. A solution having a plating material may be applied so that the solution flows over the substrate surface with the substrate placed obliquely (or vertically). When the plating is performed by applying a solution with the substrate placed vertically, there is an advantage of miniaturizing a process apparatus.

The diameter of a particle of the conductive material is preferably as small as possible for the purpose of preventing clogged nozzles and manufacturing a high-definition pattern, although it depends on the diameter of each nozzle, a desired shape of a pattern, and the like. Preferably, the diameter of the particle of the conductive material is 0.1 μm or less. The composition is formed by a known method such as an electrolyzing method, an atomizing method, a wet reducing method, or the like, and the particle size thereof is typically about from 0.01 μm to 10 μm . Note that when a gas evaporation method is employed, a nanomolecule protected with a dispersant is minute, about 7 nm. When each surface of particles is covered with a coating, the nanoparticles do not cohere in the solvent and are uniformly dispersed in the solvent at a room temperature, and show a property similar to that of liquid. Accordingly, it is preferable to use a coating.

When the step of discharging the composition is performed under reduced pressure, the solvent of the composition is evaporated during a period from discharging the composition until the composition lands on an object to be treated, and thus, later steps of drying and baking the composition can be both omitted. It is preferable to perform the step under reduced pressure, since an oxide film or the like is not formed on the surface of the conductive material. After discharging the composition, either or both steps of drying and baking is/are performed. Each step of drying and baking is a step of heat treatment. For example, drying is performed for three minutes at 100 $^{\circ}\text{C}$.

and baking is performed for from 15 minutes to 30 minutes at a temperature of from 200 °C to 350 °C, each of which has a different purpose, temperature, and period. The steps of drying and baking are performed at normal pressure or under reduced pressure by laser light irradiation, rapid thermal annealing, a heating furnace, or the like. Note
5 that the timing of the heat treatment is not particularly limited. The substrate may be heated to favorably perform the steps of drying and baking. The temperature of the substrate at the time depends on a material of the substrate or the like, but it is typically from 100 °C to 800 °C (preferably, from 200 °C to 350 °C). According to the steps, nanoparticles are made in contact with one another and fusion and welding are
10 accelerated by hardening and shrinking a peripheral resin as well as evaporating the solvent in the composition or chemically removing the dispersant.

A continuous wave or pulsed wave gas laser or solid laser may be used for laser light irradiation. An excimer laser, a YAG laser, and the like can be given as a gas laser, and a laser using a crystal of YAG or YVO₄ which is doped with Cr, Nd, or the
15 like can be given as a solid laser. Note that it is preferable to use a continuous wave laser in relation to the absorptance of laser light. Moreover, a so-called hybrid laser irradiation method which combines a pulsed wave and a continuous wave may be used. However, it is preferable that the heat treatment by laser light irradiation is instantaneously performed within several microseconds to several tens of seconds so
20 that the substrate 100 is not damaged, depending on heat resistance of the substrate 100. Rapid thermal annealing (RTA) is carried out by raising the temperature rapidly and heating for several microseconds to several minutes using an infrared lamp or a halogen lamp emitting light of from ultraviolet to infrared in an inert gas atmosphere. Since the treatment is performed instantaneously, only a thin film on a top surface can be
25 substantially heated and a lower layer film is not affected. In other words, even a substrate having low heat resistance such as a plastic substrate is not affected.

In addition, the above-described step of forming the base film 101 is carried out as base pretreatment for a conductive layer to be formed by using a droplet discharge method; however, this treatment step may be carried out after forming the
30 conductive layer.

Subsequently, a gate insulating film is formed over the conductive layers 102 and 103 (ref. FIG. 1A). The gate insulating film may be made of a known material such as an oxide or nitride material of silicon, and may be a laminated layer or a single layer. For example, it may be a laminated layer of three layers of a silicon nitride film, a silicon oxide film, and a silicon nitride film, or may be a single layer of them or of a silicon oxynitride film, or a laminated layer of two layers. A silicon nitride film is used as an insulating layer 104 and a silicon nitride oxide film is used as a gate insulating layer 105 in this embodiment mode. A silicon nitride film having minute film quality may be preferably used. In the case of using silver, copper, or the like for the conductive layer formed by a droplet discharge method, and then, forming a silicon nitride film or a NiB film thereover as a barrier film, the silicon nitride film or the NiB film is effective in preventing an impurity from diffusing and in planarizing the surface. Note that a rare gas element such as argon is preferably included in a reactive gas and is preferably mixed in the insulating film to be formed in order to form a minute insulating film with few gate leak current at a low film-formation temperature.

Subsequently, a conductive layer (also referred to as a first electrode) 106 is formed by selectively discharging a composition including a conductive material onto the gate insulating film (ref. FIG. 1B). The conductive layer 106 may be formed by forming a predetermined pattern of a composition including indium tin oxide (ITO), indium tin oxide containing silicon oxide (ITSO), zinc oxide (ZnO), tin oxide (SnO₂), or the like and by baking it when light is to be emitted from the substrate 100 side or when a transmissive EL display panel is to be manufactured.

Preferably, the conductive layer 106 is made of indium tin oxide (ITO), indium tin oxide containing silicon oxide (ITSO), zinc oxide (ZnO), or the like by a sputtering method. It is more preferable to use indium tin oxide containing silicon oxide formed by a sputtering method using a target in which ITO contains silicon oxide of from 2 % to 10 % by weight. In addition, an oxide conductive material which contains silicon oxide and in which indium oxide is mixed with zinc oxide (ZnO) of from 2 % to 20 % by weight may be used. A mask layer may be formed by a droplet discharge method and be etched to have a desired pattern after forming the conductive layer (the first

electrode) 106 by a sputtering method. In this embodiment mode, the conductive layer 106 is made of a light-transmitting conductive material by a droplet discharge method. Specifically, it is formed by using indium tin oxide or ITSO made of ITO and silicon oxide. Although not shown, a photocatalytic substance may be formed in a region
5 where the conductive layer 106 is to be formed, similarly to the case of forming the conductive layers 102 and 103. The photocatalytic substance can improve adhesion and the conductive layer 106 can be formed into a desired pattern to be a thin line. The conductive layer 106 becomes the first electrode which functions as a pixel electrode.

10 In this embodiment mode, above mentioned is an example of the gate insulating layer made up of three layers of a silicon nitride film/ a silicon oxynitride film (silicon oxide film)/ a silicon nitride film which are made of silicon nitride. The conductive layer (the first electrode) 106 made of indium tin oxide containing silicon oxide is preferably formed close in contact with the gate insulating layer 105 made of
15 silicon nitride. Accordingly, an effect of increasing a rate at which light generated in an electroluminescent layer is emitted outside can be caused.

In addition, a composition including a particle of a metal such as Ag (silver), Au (gold), Cu (copper), W (tungsten), or Al (aluminum) as its main component can be used when generated light is emitted to an opposite side of the substrate 100 or when a
20 reflective EL display panel is manufactured. As another method, a first electrode layer may be formed by forming a transparent conductive film or a light-reflective conductive film by a sputtering method, forming a mask pattern by a droplet discharge method, and additionally performing an etching process.

The conductive layer (the first electrode) 106 may be polished by a CMP
25 method or by cleaning with a porous body of polyvinyl alcohol so that the surface thereof is planarized. Furthermore, the surface of the conductive layer (the first electrode) 106 may be irradiated with an ultraviolet ray or may be treated with oxygen plasma after polishing by the CMP method.

The semiconductor layer may be formed by a known method (a sputtering
30 method, an LPCVD method, a plasma CVD method, or the like). There is no

particular limitation on materials of the semiconductor layer, but the semiconductor layer is preferably made of silicon, a silicon germanium (SiGe) alloy, or the like.

The semiconductor layer uses an amorphous semiconductor (typically, hydrogenated amorphous silicon) or a crystalline semiconductor (typically, polysilicon) as a material. Polysilicon includes so-called high-temperature polysilicon which uses, as a main material, polycrystalline silicon to be formed through a process temperature of 800 °C or more, so-called low-temperature polysilicon which uses, as a main material, polycrystalline silicon to be formed at a process temperature of 600 °C or less, crystalline silicon which is crystallized by adding, for example, an element for promoting crystallization, and the like.

Further, as another substance, a semi-amorphous semiconductor or a semiconductor containing a crystal phase in a part of a semiconductor layer can also be used. The semi-amorphous semiconductor means a semiconductor having an intermediate structure of an amorphous structure and a crystalline structure (including a single crystal and a poly-crystal) and having a third state which is stable in terms of free energy, and a crystalline semiconductor having short-distance order and lattice distortion. Typically, it is a semiconductor layer containing silicon as a main component with lattice distortion, in which the Raman spectrum is shifted to a lower frequency side than 520 cm^{-1} . Further, hydrogen or halogen of at least 1 atom% or more is contained therein as a neutralizing agent of a dangling bond. Here, such a semiconductor as described above is referred to as a semi-amorphous semiconductor (hereinafter, referred to as a "SAS" in short). The SAS is also referred to as a so-called microcrystal semiconductor (typically, microcrystalline silicon).

The SAS can be obtained by performing glow discharge decomposition (plasma CVD) on a silicide gas. SiH_4 is given as a typical silicide gas. Si_2H_6 , SiH_2Cl_2 , SiHCl_3 , SiCl_4 , SiF_4 , or the like as well as SiH_4 can be used. Further, GeF_4 or F_2 may be mixed. Formation of the SAS can be facilitated by using the silicide gas diluted with hydrogen or a mixture of hydrogen and one or more of rare gases selected from helium, argon, krypton, and neon. A dilution ratio of hydrogen to the silicide gas is, for example, preferably in the range of from 2 times to 1000 times in terms of a flow

ratio. Although formation of the SAS by glow discharge decomposition is preferably performed under reduced pressure, the formation can also be performed by utilizing an electric discharge under atmospheric pressure. Typically, the formation may be performed in the pressure range of from 0.1 Pa to 133 Pa. A power supply frequency
5 for generating the glow discharge is in the range of from 1 MHz to 120 MHz, preferably, in the range of from 13 MHz to 60 MHz. A high-frequency power supply may appropriately be set. A temperature for heating the substrate is preferably 300 °C or less and the temperature in the range of from 100 °C to 200 °C is also permissible. As for impurity elements to be contained mainly at the time of forming a film, an impurity
10 derived from an atmospheric constituent such as oxygen, nitrogen, or carbon is preferably in a concentration of $1 \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ or less, and particularly, a concentration of oxygen is $5 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ or less, preferably, $1 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ or less. Further, stability of the SAS can be enhanced by promoting the lattice distortion by allowing a rare gas element such as helium, argon, krypton, or neon to be contained, thereby obtaining a
15 favorable SAS. In addition, a SAS layer formed from a hydrogen-based gas may be laminated over a SAS layer formed from a fluorine-based gas as the semiconductor layer.

When a crystalline semiconductor layer is used as the semiconductor layer, a known method (a laser crystallization method, a heat crystallization method, a heat
20 crystallization method using an element promoting crystallization such as nickel, or the like) may be employed as a method for manufacturing the crystalline semiconductor layer. In the case of not introducing an element promoting crystallization, hydrogen is released until hydrogen concentration contained in an amorphous silicon film becomes
 $1 \times 10^{20} \text{ atoms/cm}^3$ or less by heating the amorphous silicon film for one hour at a
25 temperature of 500 °C in nitrogen atmosphere before irradiating the amorphous silicon film with laser light. This is because a film is damaged when the amorphous silicon film containing much hydrogen is irradiated with laser light.

There is no particular limitation on a method for introducing a metal element into the amorphous semiconductor layer as long as it is a method capable of making the
30 metal element exist on the surface of or inside the amorphous semiconductor layer.

For example, a sputtering method, a CVD method, a plasma treating method (including a plasma CVD method), an adsorption method, or a method for applying a metal salt solution can be employed. Among them, the method using a solution is simple and easy and is useful in terms of easy concentration adjustment of the metal element. It is
5 preferable that an oxide film is formed by UV light irradiation in oxygen atmosphere, a thermal oxidation method, treatment with ozone water or hydrogen peroxide including a hydroxyl radical, or the like in order to improve wettability on the surface of the amorphous semiconductor layer and to spread an aqueous solution over an entire surface of the amorphous semiconductor layer.

10 In addition, heat treatment and laser light irradiation may be combined to crystallize the amorphous semiconductor layer. The heat treatment and/or the laser light irradiation may be independently performed plural times.

An organic semiconductor using an organic material may be used as a semiconductor. A low molecular weight material, a high molecular weight material, or
15 the like is used for the organic semiconductor, and in addition, a material such as an organic pigment, a conductive high molecular weight material can be used.

An amorphous semiconductor is used as the semiconductor in this embodiment mode. A semiconductor layer 107 that is an amorphous semiconductor layer is formed, and an insulating film is formed by, for example, a plasma CVD method and is
20 patterned to have a desired shape in a desired region in order to form channel protective films 109 and 110. At this time, the channel protective films 109 and 110 can be formed by exposing a back of the substrate to light using the gate electrode as a mask. In addition, polyimide, polyvinyl alcohol, or the like may be dropped as the channel protective film by a droplet discharge method. Consequently, the light-exposure step
25 can be omitted. Thereafter, an N type semiconductor layer 108 is formed using a semiconductor layer having one conductivity, for example, an N type amorphous semiconductor layer by a plasma CVD method or the like (ref. FIG. 1C). The semiconductor layer having one conductivity may be formed if necessary.

A film made of one or a plurality of inorganic materials (silicon oxide, silicon
30 nitride, silicon oxynitride, silicon nitride oxide, and the like), photosensitive or

non-photosensitive organic materials (organic resin materials) (polyimide, acrylic, polyamide, polyimide amide, a resist, benzocyclobutene, and the like), a Low k material having a low dielectric constant, and the like, or a laminated layer of them can be used as the channel protective film. In addition, a material in which a skeletal structure is configured by a bond of silicon (Si) and oxygen (O) and which contains at least hydrogen as a substituent or which contains at least one of fluorine, an alkyl group, and aromatic hydrocarbon as a substituent may be used. A vapor phase growth method such as a plasma CVD method or a thermal CVD method or a sputtering method can be employed as a manufacturing method. In addition, a droplet discharge method or a printing method (a method for forming a pattern, such as screen printing or offset printing) can be employed. A TOF film, an SOG film, or the like obtained by an application method can be used.

Subsequently, mask layers 111 and 112 made of an insulating material such as a resist or polyimide are formed. Then, the semiconductor layer 107 and the N type semiconductor layer 108 are simultaneously patterned using the mask layers 111 and 112.

Then, mask layers 113 and 114 made of an insulating material such as a resist or polyimide are formed by using a droplet discharge method (ref. FIG. 1D). A through-hole 118 is formed in a part of the gate insulating layers 104 and 105 by an etching process using the mask layers 113 and 114, and a part of the conductive layer 103 disposed on a lower layer side thereof and to function as a gate electrode layer is exposed. Either plasma etching (dry etching) or wet etching may be adopted as the etching process. However, plasma etching is suitable to treat a large-sized substrate. A fluorine-based or chlorine-based gas such as CF_4 , NF_3 , Cl_2 , or BCl_3 is used as an etching gas, and an inert gas such as He or Ar may be appropriately added. In addition, a local discharge process can be performed when an atmospheric pressure discharge etching process is applied, and a mask layer need not be entirely formed over the substrate.

Conductive layers 115, 116, and 117 are formed by discharging a composition including a conductive material after the mask layers 113 and 114 are removed. Then,

the N type semiconductor is patterned using the conductive layers 115, 116, and 117 as a mask to form an N type semiconductor layer (ref. FIG. 2A). The conductive layers 115, 116, and 117 function as a wiring layer. Note that the above-mentioned base pretreatment of selectively forming a photocatalytic substance or the like in a portion
5 where the conductive layers 115, 116, and 117 are to be in contact with the gate insulating layer 105 may be performed before forming the conductive layers 115, 116, and 117, although not shown. Accordingly, the conductive layer can be formed with favorable adhesion.

The above-mentioned step of forming the base film may be performed as base
10 pretreatment for the conductive layer to be formed by using a droplet discharge method. In addition, the treatment step may be performed after the conductive layer is formed. Reliability of a light emitting display device can be improved since adhesion between the layers is improved according to the step.

The conductive layer 117 functions as a source-drain wiring layer and is
15 formed to electrically connect with the first electrode formed beforehand. In addition, the conductive layer 116 that is the source-drain wiring layer and the conductive layer 103 that is a gate electrode layer are electrically connected to each other in the through-hole 118 formed in the gate insulating layer 105. A composition including a particle of a metal such as Ag (silver), Au (gold), Cu (copper), W (tungsten), or Al
20 (aluminum) as its main component can be used as a conductive material for forming the wiring layer. In addition, light-transmitting indium tin oxide (ITO), ITSO made of indium tin oxide and silicon oxide, organic indium, organic tin, zinc oxide, titanium nitride, and the like may be combined.

The step of forming the through-hole 118 in a part of the gate insulating layers
25 104 and 105 may be performed after forming the conductive layers 115, 116, and 117, using the conductive layers 115, 116, and 117 as a mask to form the through-hole 118. Then, a conductive layer is formed in the through-hole 118, and the conductive layer 116 and the conductive layer 103 that is a gate electrode layer are electrically connected to each other. In this case, there is an advantage of simplifying the steps.

30 Subsequently, an insulating layer 120 to be a bank (also referred to as a

partition wall) is formed. Although not shown, a protective layer made of silicon nitride or silicon nitride oxide may be entirely formed under the insulating layer 120 to cover a thin film transistor. An opening is formed in the insulating layer 120 as shown in FIG. 2B by an etching process after the insulating layer is entirely formed by a spin coating method or a dip method. The etching process is not necessarily required when the insulating layer 120 is formed by a droplet discharge method. When the insulating layer 120 or the like is formed over wide area by a droplet discharge method, it is formed by discharging a composition from a plurality of discharging openings of nozzles in a droplet discharge apparatus and by drawing so that a plurality of lines is overlapped with each other. Consequently, a throughput is improved.

The insulating layer 120 is formed to have a through-hole corresponding to a position where a pixel is to be formed in accordance with the conductive layer 106 that is the first electrode. The insulating layer 120 can be formed by using an inorganic insulating material such as silicon oxide, silicon nitride, silicon oxynitride, aluminum oxide, aluminum nitride, or aluminum oxynitride; acrylic acid; methacrylic acid; a derivative of acrylic acid or methacrylic; a heat-resistant high molecular weight material such as polyimide, aromatic polyamide, or polybenzimidazole; or inorganic siloxane or an organosiloxane-based insulating material in which hydrogen bonded with silicon is substituted by an organic group such as methyl or phenyl, including a Si-O-Si bond among compounds that contain silicon, oxygen, and hydrogen and that is formed by using a siloxane material as a starting material. It is preferable to form the insulating layer 120 by using a photosensitive or non-photosensitive material such as acrylic or polyimide since a side face thereof becomes such a shape that a curvature radius continuously changes and an upper-layer thin film is formed without break.

According to the above-mentioned steps, a TFT substrate for the EL display panel in which a bottom gate type (also referred to as an inversed staggered type) channel protective TFT and the first electrode (first electrode layer) are connected over the substrate 100 is completed.

Moisture adsorbed inside the insulating layer 120 or to a surface thereof is removed by performing heat treatment at 200 °C under atmospheric pressure before

forming an electroluminescent layer 121. In addition, heat treatment is performed at a temperature of from 200 °C to 400 °C, preferably, from 250 °C to 350 °C under reduced pressure, and the electroluminescent layer 121 is preferably formed by a vacuum vapor deposition method or a droplet discharge method under reduced pressure without being
5 exposed to atmospheric air.

Materials showing luminescence of red (R), green (G), and blue (B) are selectively formed as the electroluminescent layer 121 by a vapor deposition method or the like using respective vapor-deposition mask. The materials showing luminescence of red (R), green (G), and blue (B) (a low molecular weight or high molecular weight
10 material, or the like) can be formed by a droplet discharge method similarly to a color filter. This case is preferable since it can be separately colored with RGB without using a mask. A conductive layer 122 that is a second electrode is laminated over the electroluminescent layer 121, and then, a light emitting display device having a display function using a light emitting element is completed (ref. FIG. 2B).

15 It is effective to provide a passivation film to cover the second electrode, although not shown. The passivation film is made of an insulating film including silicon nitride (SiN), silicon oxide (SiO₂), silicon oxynitride (SiON), silicon nitride oxide (SiNO), aluminum nitride (AlN), aluminum oxynitride (AlON), aluminum nitride oxide having larger nitrogen content than oxygen content (AlNO), aluminum oxide,
20 diamond like carbon (DLC), or a nitrogen-containing carbon film (CN_x), and a single layer or a combined laminated layer of the insulating film can be used. For example, a laminated layer of a nitrogen-containing carbon film (CN_x) \ silicon nitride (SiN), or an organic material can be used, and a laminated layer of a high molecular material such as a styrene polymer may be used. In addition, a material in which a skeletal structure is
25 configured by a bond of silicon (Si) and oxygen (O) and which contains at least hydrogen as a substituent or which contains at least one of fluorine, an alkyl group, and aromatic hydrocarbon as a substituent may be used.

In this case, a film having favorable coverage is preferably used as the passivation film, and it is effective to use a carbon film, specifically, a DLC film.
30 Since the DLC film can be formed at a temperature ranging from room temperature to

100 °C or less, it can be easily formed over the electroluminescent layer having low heat resistance. The DLC film can be formed by a plasma CVD method (typically, an RF plasma CVD method, a microwave CVD method, an electron cyclotron resonance (ECR) CVD method, a hot filament CVD method, or the like), a combustion flame
5 method, a sputtering method, an ion beam vapor deposition method, a laser vapor deposition method, or the like. As a reactive gas to be used for film formation, a hydrogen gas and a hydrocarbon gas (for example, CH₄, C₂H₂, C₆H₆, or the like) are used. The gases are ionized by glow discharge, and ions are accelerated to collide against a cathode, to which a negative self-bias is applied, to form a film. In addition,
10 a CN film may be formed using a C₂H₄ gas and an N₂ gas as a reactive gas. The DLC film has a high blocking effect against oxygen and can suppress oxidation of the electroluminescent layer. Therefore, a problem of oxidizing the electroluminescent layer can be prevented during the following sealing step.

FIG. 16A is a top view of a pixel portion in the light emitting display device of this embodiment mode and FIG. 16B shows a circuit diagram thereof. Reference
15 numerals 1601 and 1602 denote TFTs; 1603, a light emitting element; 1604, a capacitor; 1605, a source line; 1606, a gate line; and 1607, a power supply line. The TFT 1601 is a transistor which controls a connection state with the signal line (hereinafter also referred to as a "switching transistor" or a "switching TFT"). The TFT 1602 is a
20 transistor which controls a current flowing to the light emitting element (hereinafter also referred to as a "driving transistor" or a "driving TFT"), and the driving TFT is connected in series with the light emitting element. The capacitor 1604 holds source-gate voltage of the TFT 1602 that is the driving TFT.

FIG. 13 is a detailed diagram of the light emitting display device of this
25 embodiment mode. A substrate 100 having a switching TFT 1601 and a TFT 1602 that is a driving TFT connected to a light emitting element 1603 is firmly fixed to a sealing substrate 150 by a sealant 151. Various signals supplied to each circuit formed over the substrate 100 are supplied from a terminal portion.

A gate wiring layer 160 is formed in the terminal portion in the same step as
30 the conductive layers 102 and 103. Naturally, a photocatalytic substance is formed in a

formation region of the gate wiring layer 160 similarly to the conductive layers 102 and 103. When it is formed by a droplet discharge method, adhesion of the gate wiring layer 160 with a formation region of a base can be improved. Etching which exposes the gate wiring layer 160 can be simultaneously performed when the through-hole 118
5 is formed in the gate insulating layer 105. A flexible printed circuit board (FPC) 162 can be connected to the gate wiring layer 160 by means of an anisotropic conductive layer 161.

Note that the case where the light emitting element 1603 is sealed with the glass substrate is shown in the above described light emitting display device. Sealing
10 treatment is treatment for protecting the light emitting element from moisture. Any one of a method for sealing with a cover material, a method for sealing with a thermosetting resin or a UV curing resin, and a method for sealing with a thin film having high barrier capability such as metal oxide or nitride is employed. Glass, ceramics, plastic, or metal can be used as the cover material; however, the cover
15 material is required to be light-transmitting when light is emitted to a cover material side. The cover material and the substrate over which the light emitting element is formed are attached to each other using a sealant such as a thermosetting resin or an ultraviolet curing resin. A sealed space is formed by curing the resin with heat treatment or ultraviolet light irradiation treatment. It is also effective to provide a
20 hygroscopic material typified by barium oxide inside the sealed space. The hygroscopic material may be provided over the sealant to be in contact therewith, or may be provided over the partition wall or in a peripheral portion which does not block light from the light emitting element. Furthermore, a space between the cover material and the substrate over which the light emitting element is formed can be filled with a
25 thermosetting resin or an ultraviolet curing resin. In this case, it is effective to add a hygroscopic material typified by barium oxide to the thermosetting resin or the ultraviolet curing resin.

As described above, the step can be omitted in this embodiment mode by not applying a light exposure step utilizing a photomask. In addition, an EL display panel
30 can be easily manufactured by directly forming various patterns over a substrate with a

droplet discharge method even when a glass substrate of the fifth or the following generation having a side of more than 1000 mm is used.

In addition, a highly reliable light emitting display device in which adhesion and peel resistance are improved can be manufactured.

5 [Embodiment Mode 2]

An embodiment mode of the present invention is described with reference to FIGS. 5A to 5D and FIGS. 6A and 6B. This embodiment mode describes the case of using a channel etch thin film transistor as a thin film transistor in Embodiment Mode 1. Therefore, repetitive description of the same portion or a portion having a similar
10 function is omitted.

A base film 501 having a function of improving adhesion is formed over a substrate 500 (ref. FIG. 5A). Note that an insulating layer may be formed over the substrate 500. The insulating layer is used as the base film, although it may not necessarily be formed, and it is effective in blocking a contaminant or the like from the
15 substrate 500. In the case of forming the insulating layer to prevent contamination from a glass substrate, a base film 501 is formed as a base film in a formation region of conductive layers 502 and 503 to be formed thereover by a droplet discharge method.

In this embodiment mode, a substance having a photocatalytic function is used as a base film having a function of improving adhesion.

20 The case of forming TiO_x crystal having a predetermined crystal structure by a sputtering method as a photocatalytic substance is described in this embodiment mode. Sputtering is performed using a metal titanium tube as a target and using an argon gas and oxygen. Further, a He gas may be introduced. The atmosphere is made to include much oxygen and formation pressure is set high to form TiO_x having high
25 photocatalytic activity. It is preferable to form TiO_x while heating a film formation chamber or a substrate provided with an object to be treated.

The thus formed TiO_x has a photocatalytic function even when it is a very thin film.

Further, it is preferable to form the base film 501 made of a metal material such
30 as Ti (titanium), W (tungsten), Cr (chromium), Ta (tantalum), Ni (nickel), or Mo.

(molybdenum), or oxide thereof by a sputtering method, a vapor deposition method, or the like as another base pretreatment. The base film 501 may be formed to be from 0.01 nm to 10 nm in thickness. It may be formed to be very thin and need not necessarily have a layer structure. When a refractory metal material is used as the base film, it is preferable to treat a base film exposed on the surface by carrying out either of the following two steps after forming the conductive layers 502 and 503 to be a gate electrode layer.

The first method is a step of insulating the base film 501 which is not overlapped with the conductive layers 502 and 503 and forming an insulating layer. In other words, the base film 501 which is not overlapped with the conductive layers 502 and 503 is oxidized and insulated. When the base film 501 is oxidized and insulated in this way, it is preferable to form the base film 501 to be from 0.01 nm to 10 nm in thickness; thus, the base film can be easily oxidized. Note that oxidization may be performed by exposing to an oxygen atmosphere or heat-treating.

The second method is a step of removing the base film 501 by etching using the conductive layers 502 and 503 as a mask. When the step is employed, there is no limitation on a thickness of the base film 501.

Alternatively, a method for performing plasma treatment on a formation region (formation face) can be employed as another base pretreatment. The plasma treatment is performed with air, oxygen, or nitrogen used as a treatment gas, with pressure from several tens of Torr to 1000 Torr (133000 Pa), preferably, from 100 Torr (13300 Pa) to 1000 Torr (133000 Pa), more preferably, from 700 Torr (93100 Pa) to 800 Torr (106400 Pa), that is, atmospheric pressure or pressure in proximity of atmospheric pressure, and a pulse voltage is applied under such conditions. At this time, plasma density is set from $1 \times 10^{10} \text{ m}^{-3}$ to $1 \times 10^{14} \text{ m}^{-3}$, so-called corona discharge or glow discharge. Surface modification can be performed without material dependence by employing plasma treatment using air, oxygen, or nitrogen as a treatment gas. Accordingly, surface modification can be performed on any material.

As another method, a substance of an organic material functioning as an adhesive may be formed to improve adhesion of a pattern to be formed by a droplet.

discharge method with a formation region thereof. An organic material (organic resin material) (polyimide or acrylic) or a material in which a skeletal structure is configured by a bond of silicon (Si) and oxygen (O) and which contains at least hydrogen as a substituent or which contains at least one of fluorine, an alkyl group, and aromatic hydrocarbon as a substituent may be used.

Subsequently, a composition including a conductive material is discharged, and conductive layers 502 and 503 to function as a gate electrode later are formed. The conductive layers 502 and 503 are formed by using a droplet discharge means. Silver is used as the conductive material in this embodiment mode; however, a laminate of silver and copper or the like may be used. In addition, a single layer of copper may be used.

The above-mentioned step of forming the base film 501 is performed as base pretreatment for the conductive layer to be formed by using a droplet discharge method; however, the treatment step may be performed after the conductive layer is formed.

Subsequently, a gate insulating film is formed over the conductive layers 502 and 503 (ref. FIG. 5A). The gate insulating film may be made of a known material such as an oxide or nitride material of silicon, and may be a laminated layer or a single layer.

Subsequently, a conductive layer (also referred to as a first electrode) 506 is formed by selectively discharging a composition including a conductive material onto the gate insulating film (ref. FIG. 5B). The conductive layer 506 may be formed by forming a predetermined pattern of a composition including indium tin oxide (ITO), indium tin oxide containing silicon oxide (ITSO), zinc oxide (ZnO), tin oxide (SnO₂), or the like and by baking it when light is emitted from the substrate 500 side or when a transmissive EL display panel is manufactured. Although not shown, a photocatalytic substance may be formed in a region where the conductive layer 506 is to be formed, similarly to the case of forming the conductive layers 502 and 503. The photocatalytic substance can improve adhesion and the conductive layer 506 can be formed into a desired pattern to be a thin line. The conductive layer 506 becomes the first electrode which functions as a pixel electrode.

The semiconductor layer may be formed by a known method (a sputtering method, an LPCVD method, a plasma CVD method, or the like). There is no particular limitation on materials of the semiconductor layer, but the semiconductor layer is preferably made of silicon, a silicon germanium (SiGe) alloy, or the like.

5 An amorphous semiconductor (typically, hydrogenated amorphous silicon), a semi-amorphous semiconductor, a semiconductor including a crystal phase in a part of the semiconductor layer, a crystalline semiconductor (typically, polysilicon), or an organic semiconductor can be used as the semiconductor layer.

10 An amorphous semiconductor is used as the semiconductor in this embodiment mode. A semiconductor layer 507 is formed, and a semiconductor layer having one conductivity, for example, an N type semiconductor layer 508 is formed by a plasma CVD method or the like (ref. FIG. 5C). The semiconductor layer having one conductivity may be formed if necessary.

15 Subsequently, mask layers 511 and 512 made of an insulating material such as a resist or polyimide are formed. Then, the semiconductor layer 507 and the N type semiconductor layer 508 are simultaneously patterned using the mask layers 511 and 512.

20 Then, mask layers 513 and 514 made of an insulating material such as a resist or polyimide are formed by using a droplet discharge method (ref. FIG. 5D). A through-hole 518 is formed in a part of the gate insulating layers 504 and 505 by an etching process using the mask layers 513 and 514, and a part of the conductive layer 503 disposed on a lower layer side thereof and to function as a gate electrode layer is exposed.

25 Conductive layers 515, 516, and 517 are formed by discharging a composition including a conductive material after the mask layers 513 and 514 are removed. Then, the N type semiconductor is patterned using the conductive layers 515, 516, and 517 as a mask to form an N type semiconductor layer (ref. FIG. 6A). Note that a photocatalytic substance may be selectively formed in a portion where the conductive layers 515, 516, and 517 are to be in contact with the gate insulating layer 505 before
30 forming the conductive layers 515, 516, and 517, although not shown. Accordingly,

the conductive layer can be formed with favorable adhesion.

The conductive layer 517 functions as a source-drain wiring layer and is formed to electrically connect with the conductive layer 506 that is the first electrode formed beforehand. In addition, the conductive layer 516 that is the source-drain wiring layer and the conductive layer 503 that is a gate electrode layer are electrically
5 connected to each other in the through-hole 518 formed in the gate insulating layer 505.

The step of forming the through-hole 518 in a part of the gate insulating layers 504 and 505 may be performed after forming the conductive layers 515, 516, and 517, using the conductive layers 515, 516, and 517 to be the wiring layer as a mask to form
10 the through-hole 518. Then, a conductive layer is formed in the through-hole 518, and the conductive layer 516 that is the wiring layer and the conductive layer 503 that is a gate electrode layer are electrically connected to each other. In this case, there is an advantage of simplifying the steps.

Subsequently, an insulating layer 520 to be a bank (also referred to as a
15 partition wall) is formed. An opening is formed in the insulating layer 520 as shown in FIG. 6B by an etching process after the insulating layer is entirely formed by a spin coating method or a dip method. The etching process is not necessarily required when the insulating layer 520 is formed by a droplet discharge method.

The insulating layer 520 is formed to have a through-hole corresponding to a
20 position where a pixel is to be formed in accordance with the conductive layer 506 that is the first electrode.

According to the above-mentioned steps, a TFT substrate in which a bottom gate type (also referred to as an inversed staggered type) channel etch TFT and the conductive layer 506 that is the first electrode are connected over the substrate 500 is
25 completed.

An electroluminescent layer 521 and a conductive layer 522 are laminated over the conductive layer 506 that is the first electrode, and then, a light emitting display device having a display function using a light emitting element is completed (ref. FIG. 6B).

30 As described above, the step can be omitted in this embodiment mode by not.

applying a light exposure step utilizing a photomask. In addition, an EL display panel can be easily manufactured by directly forming various patterns over a substrate with a droplet discharge method even when a glass substrate of the fifth or the following generation having a side of more than 1000 mm is used.

5 In addition, a highly reliable light emitting display device in which adhesion and peel resistance are improved can be manufactured.

[Embodiment Mode 3]

An embodiment mode of the present invention is described with reference to FIGS. 9A to 9D and FIG. 10. This embodiment mode describes the case of using a top
10 gate type (also referred to as a staggered type) thin film transistor as a thin film transistor in Embodiment Mode 1. Therefore, repetitive description of the same portion or a portion having a similar function is omitted.

A base film 901 having a function of improving adhesion is formed over a substrate 900 (ref. FIG. 9A). Note that an insulating layer may be formed over the
15 substrate 900. The insulating layer may not necessarily be formed, but it is effective in blocking a contaminant or the like from the substrate 900. The insulating layer is necessary particularly in the case of a staggered type thin film transistor as in this embodiment mode since a semiconductor layer is directly in contact with the substrate. In the case of forming a base film to prevent contamination from a glass substrate, the
20 base film 901 is formed as a base film in a formation region of conductive layers 915, 916, and 917 to be formed thereover by a droplet discharge method.

In this embodiment mode, a substance having a photocatalytic function is used as the base film 901 having a function of improving adhesion.

The case of forming TiO_x crystal having a predetermined crystal structure by a
25 sputtering method as a photocatalytic substance is described in this embodiment mode. Sputtering is performed using a metal titanium tube as a target and using an argon gas and oxygen. Further, a He gas may be introduced. The atmosphere is made to include much oxygen and formation pressure is set high to form TiO_x having high photocatalytic activity. It is preferable to form TiO_x while heating a film formation
30 chamber or a substrate provided with an object to be treated.

The thus formed TiO_x has a photocatalytic function even when it is a very thin film.

Further, it is preferable to form the base film 901 made of a metal material such as Ti (titanium), W (tungsten), Cr (chromium), Ta (tantalum), Ni (nickel), or Mo (molybdenum), or oxide thereof by a sputtering method, a vapor deposition method, or the like as another base pretreatment. The base film 901 may be formed to be from 0.01 nm to 10 nm in thickness. It may be formed to be very thin and need not necessarily have a layer structure. When a refractory metal material is used as the base film, it is preferable to treat a base film exposed on the surface by carrying out either of the following two steps after forming the conductive layers 915, 916, and 917 to function as a source-drain wiring layer.

The first method is a step of insulating the base film 901 which is not overlapped with the conductive layers 915, 916, and 917 that function as a source-drain wiring layer and forming an insulating layer. In other words, the base film 901 which is not overlapped with the conductive layers 915, 916, and 917 that function as a source-drain wiring layer is oxidized and insulated. When the base film 901 is oxidized and insulated in this way, it is preferable to form the base film 901 to be from 0.01 nm to 10 nm in thickness; thus, the base film can be easily oxidized. Note that oxidization may be performed by exposing to an oxygen atmosphere or heat-treating.

The second method is a step of removing the base film 901 by etching using the conductive layers 915, 916, and 917 that function as a source-drain wiring layer as a mask. When the step is employed, there is no limitation on a thickness of the base film 901.

Alternatively, a method for performing plasma treatment on a formation region (formation face) can be employed as another base pretreatment. The plasma treatment is performed with air, oxygen, or nitrogen used as a treatment gas, with pressure from several tens of Torr to 1000 Torr (133000 Pa), preferably, from 100 Torr (13300 Pa) to 1000 Torr (133000 Pa), more preferably, from 700 Torr (93100 Pa) to 800 Torr (106400 Pa), that is, atmospheric pressure or pressure in proximity of atmospheric pressure, and a pulse voltage is applied under such conditions. At this time, plasma density is set

from $1 \times 10^{10} \text{ m}^{-3}$ to $1 \times 10^{14} \text{ m}^{-3}$, so-called corona discharge or glow discharge. Surface modification can be performed without material dependence by employing plasma treatment using air, oxygen, or nitrogen as a treatment gas. Accordingly, surface modification can be performed on any material.

5 As another method, a substance of an organic material functioning as an adhesive may be formed to improve adhesion of a pattern to be formed by a droplet discharge method with a formation region thereof. An organic material (organic resin material) (polyimide or acrylic) or a material in which a skeletal structure is configured by a bond of silicon (Si) and oxygen (O) and which contains at least hydrogen as a
10 substituent or which contains at least one of fluorine, an alkyl group, and aromatic hydrocarbon as a substituent may be used.

Subsequently, a composition including a conductive material is discharged, and conductive layers 915, 916, and 917 to function as a source-drain wiring layer are formed. The conductive layers 915, 916, and 917 are formed by using a droplet
15 discharge means.

A composition including a particle of a metal such as Ag (silver), Au (gold), Cu (copper), W (tungsten), or Al (aluminum) as its main component can be used as a conductive material for forming the conductive layers 915, 916, and 917. Since the source-drain wiring layer is preferably made low resistant, it is preferable to use any
20 material selected from gold, silver, and copper, which is dissolved or dispersed in a solvent, taking a specific resistance value into consideration. It is more preferable to use silver or copper having a low resistance value. The solvent corresponds to esters such as butyl acetate, alcohols such as isopropyl alcohol, an organic solvent such as acetone, or the like. Surface tension and viscosity thereof are appropriately adjusted
25 by adjusting concentration of the solvent or by adding a surfactant or the like.

Subsequently, a conductive layer (also referred to as a first electrode) 906 is formed by selectively discharging a composition including a conductive material (ref. FIG. 9A). The conductive layer 906 may be formed by forming a predetermined pattern of a composition including indium tin oxide (ITO), indium tin oxide containing
30 silicon oxide (ITSO), zinc oxide (ZnO), tin oxide (SnO_2), or the like and by baking it

when light is to be emitted from the substrate 900 side or when a transmissive EL display panel is to be manufactured. Although not shown, a photocatalytic substance may be formed similarly as to case of forming the conductive layers 915, 916, and 917 in a region where the conductive layer 906 is to be formed. The photocatalytic substance can improve adhesion and the conductive layer 906 can be formed into a desired pattern to be a thin line. The conductive layer 906 becomes the first electrode which functions as a pixel electrode.

In addition, the above-mentioned step of forming the base film 901 is performed as base pretreatment for the conductive layer to be formed by using a droplet discharge method; however, the treatment step may be performed after the conductive layers 915, 916, and 917 are formed. For example, when a titanium oxide film is formed and an N type semiconductor layer is formed thereover, adhesion between the conductive layer and the N type semiconductor layer is improved, although not shown.

After the N type semiconductor layer is entirely formed over the conductive layers 915, 916, and 917, the N type semiconductor layers between the conductive layer 915 and the conductive layer 916 and between the conductive layer 916 and the conductive layer 917 are removed by etching using mask layers 911, 912, and 919 made of an insulating material such as a resist or polyimide. A semiconductor layer having one conductivity may be formed if necessary. Then, a semiconductor layer 907 made of an AS or a SAS is formed by a vapor phase growth method or a sputtering method. When a plasma CVD method is employed, an AS is formed by using SiH_4 that is a semiconductor material gas or a mixture gas of SiH_4 and H_2 . A SAS is formed from a mixture gas in which SiH_4 is diluted with H_2 by 3 times to 1000 times. When the SAS is formed from the above gas, the semiconductor layer has favorable crystallinity on a surface side of the semiconductor layer. It is suitable for a top gate type TFT in which the gate electrode is formed in an upper layer of the semiconductor layer.

Subsequently, a gate insulating layer 905 is formed to be a single layer or to have a laminated structure by using a plasma CVD method or a sputtering method. A laminate of three layers of an insulating layer made of silicon nitride, an insulating layer made of silicon oxide, and an insulating layer made of silicon nitride is a particularly

preferable structure.

Next, gate electrode layers 902 and 903 are formed by a droplet discharge method. A composition including a particle of a metal such as Ag (silver), Au (gold), Cu (copper), W (tungsten), or Al (aluminum) as its main component can be used as a
5 conductive material for forming the layer.

The semiconductor layer 907 and the gate insulating layer 905 are formed in a position corresponding to the source-drain wiring layer (the conductive layers 915, 916, and 917) using the mask layers 913 and 914 formed by a droplet discharge method. In other words, the semiconductor layer is formed to straddle the conductive layer 915 and
10 the conductive layer 916.

Subsequently, conductive layers 930 and 931 are formed by a droplet discharge method. The conductive layer 916 and the gate electrode layer 903, and the conductive layer 917 and the conductive layer 906 that is the first electrode are electrically connected to each other, respectively.

15 The source-drain wiring layer and the gate electrode layer may be directly connected by the gate electrode layer without using the conductive layer 930. In that case, a through-hole is formed in the gate insulating layer 905 and a part of the conductive layers 916 and 917 that are the source-drain wirings is exposed before the gate electrode layers 902 and 903 are formed. Thereafter, the gate electrode layers 902
20 and 903 and the conductive layer 931 are formed by a droplet discharge method. At this time, the gate electrode layer 903 is a wiring which also serves as the conductive layer 930, and is connected to the conductive layer 916. Either dry etching or wet etching is employed for etching; however, plasma etching that is dry etching is preferable.

25 Subsequently, an insulating layer 920 to be a bank (also referred to as a partition wall) is formed. Although not shown, a protective layer made of silicon nitride or silicon nitride oxide may be entirely formed under the insulating layer 920 to cover a thin film transistor. An opening is formed in the insulating layer 920 as shown in FIG. 10 by an etching process after the insulating layer is entirely formed by a spin
30 coating method or a dip method. The etching process is not necessarily required when

the insulating layer 920 is formed by a droplet discharge method. When the insulating layer 920 or the like is formed over wide area by a droplet discharge method, it is formed by discharging a composition from a plurality of discharging openings of nozzles in a droplet discharge apparatus and by drawing so that a plurality of lines is overlapped with each other. Consequently, a throughput is improved.

The insulating layer 920 is formed to have a through-hole corresponding to a position where a pixel is to be formed in accordance with the conductive layer 906 that is the first electrode.

According to the above-mentioned steps, a TFT substrate in which a top gate type (also referred to as a staggered type) TFT and the conductive layer 906 that is the first electrode layer are connected over the substrate 900 is completed.

Moisture adsorbed inside the insulating layer 920 or to a surface thereof is removed by performing heat treatment at 200 °C under atmospheric pressure before forming an electroluminescent layer 921. In addition, heat treatment is performed at a temperature of from 200 °C to 400 °C, preferably, from 250 °C to 350 °C under reduced pressure, and the electroluminescent layer 921 is preferably formed by a vacuum vapor deposition method or a droplet discharge method under reduced pressure without being exposed to atmospheric air.

An electroluminescent layer 921 and a conductive layer 922 are laminated over the conductive layer 906 that is the first electrode, and then, a light emitting display device having a display function using a light emitting element is completed (ref. FIG. 10).

As described above, a step can be omitted in this embodiment mode by not applying a light exposure step utilizing a photomask. In addition, an EL display panel can be easily manufactured by directly forming various patterns over a substrate with a droplet discharge method even when a glass substrate of the fifth or the following generation having a side of more than 1000 mm is used.

In addition, a highly reliable light emitting display device in which adhesion and peel resistance are improved can be manufactured.

[Embodiment Mode 4]

An embodiment mode of the present invention is described with reference to FIGS. 3A to 3D and FIGS. 4A and 4B. This embodiment mode describes the case of having a different connection structure of a thin film transistor and a first electrode from that in Embodiment Mode 1. Therefore, repetitive description of the same portion or a portion having a similar function is omitted.

A base film 301 for improving adhesion is formed over a substrate 300 as base pretreatment. The case of forming TiO_x crystal having a predetermined crystal structure by a sputtering method as a photocatalytic substance is described in this embodiment mode. Sputtering is performed using a metal titanium tube as a target and using an argon gas and oxygen. Further, a He gas may be introduced. The atmosphere is made to include much oxygen and formation pressure is set high to form TiO_x having high photocatalytic activity. It is preferable to form TiO_x while heating a film formation chamber or a substrate provided with an object to be treated.

The thus formed TiO_x has a photocatalytic function even when it is a very thin film.

Further, it is preferable to form the base film 301 made of a metal material such as Ti (titanium), W (tungsten), Cr (chromium), Ta (tantalum), Ni (nickel), or Mo (molybdenum), or oxide thereof by a sputtering method, a vapor deposition method, or the like as another base pretreatment. The base film 301 may be formed to be 0.01 nm to 10 nm in thickness. It may be formed to be very thin and need not necessarily have a layer structure. When a refractory metal material is used as the base film, it is preferable to treat a base film exposed on the surface by carrying out either of the following two steps after forming conductive layers 302 and 303 to be a gate electrode layer.

The first method is a step of insulating the base film 301 which is not overlapped with the conductive layers 302 and 303 and forming an insulating layer. In other words, the base film 301 which is not overlapped with the conductive layers 302 and 303 is oxidized and insulated. When the base film 301 is oxidized and insulated in this way, it is preferable to form the base film 301 to be from 0.01 nm to 10 nm in

thickness; thus, the base film can be easily oxidized. Note that oxidization may be performed by exposing to an oxygen atmosphere or heat-treating.

The second method is a step of removing the base film 301 by etching using the conductive layers 302 and 303 as a mask. When the step is employed, there is no
5 limitation on a thickness of the base film 301.

Alternatively, a method for performing plasma treatment on a formation region (formation face) can be employed as another base pretreatment. The plasma treatment is performed with air, oxygen, or nitrogen used as a treatment gas, with pressure from several tens of Torr to 1000 Torr (133000 Pa), preferably, from 100 Torr (13300 Pa) to
10 1000 Torr (133000 Pa), more preferably, from 700 Torr (93100 Pa) to 800 Torr (106400 Pa), that is, atmospheric pressure or pressure in proximity of atmospheric pressure, and a pulse voltage is applied under such conditions. At this time, plasma density is set from $1 \times 10^{10} \text{ m}^{-3}$ to $1 \times 10^{14} \text{ m}^{-3}$, so-called corona discharge or glow discharge. Surface modification can be performed without material dependence by employing
15 plasma treatment using air, oxygen, or nitrogen as a treatment gas. Accordingly, surface modification can be performed on any material.

As another method, a substance of an organic material functioning as an adhesive may be formed to improve adhesion of a pattern to be formed by a droplet discharge method with a formation region thereof. An organic material (organic resin
20 material) (polyimide or acrylic) or a material in which a skeletal structure is configured by a bond of silicon (Si) and oxygen (O) and which contains at least hydrogen as a substituent or which contains at least one of fluorine, an alkyl group, and aromatic hydrocarbon as a substituent may be used.

Subsequently, a composition including a conductive material is discharged, and
25 conductive layers 302 and 303 to function as a gate electrode later are formed. The conductive layers 302 and 303 are formed by using a droplet discharge means. Silver is used as the conductive material in this embodiment mode; however, a laminate of silver and copper or the like may be used. In addition, a single layer of copper may be used.

30 The above-mentioned step of forming the base film 301 is performed as base

pretreatment for the conductive layer to be formed by using a droplet discharge method; however, the treatment step may be performed after the conductive layer is formed.

Subsequently, a gate insulating film is formed over the conductive layers 302 and 303 (ref. FIG. 3A). The gate insulating film may be made of a known material
5 such as an oxide or nitride material of silicon, and may be a laminated layer or a single layer.

The semiconductor layer may be formed by a known method (a sputtering method, an LPCVD method, a plasma CVD method, or the like). There is no particular limitation on materials of the semiconductor layer, but the semiconductor
10 layer is preferably made of silicon, a silicon germanium (SiGe) alloy, or the like.

An amorphous semiconductor (typically, hydrogenated amorphous silicon), a semi-amorphous semiconductor, a semiconductor including a crystal phase in a part of the semiconductor layer, a crystalline semiconductor (typically, polysilicon), or an organic semiconductor can be used as the semiconductor layer.

15 An amorphous semiconductor is used as the semiconductor in this embodiment mode. A semiconductor layer 307 is formed, and an insulating film is formed by, for example, a plasma CVD method and is patterned to have a desired shape in a desired region in order to form channel protective films 309 and 310. In addition, polyimide, polyvinyl alcohol, or the like may be formed as the channel protective film by a droplet
20 discharge method or a printing method (a method for forming a pattern, such as screen printing or offset printing). Thereafter, a semiconductor layer having one conductivity, for example, an N type semiconductor layer 308 is formed by a plasma CVD method or the like. The semiconductor layer having one conductivity may be formed if necessary.

25 Subsequently, mask layers 311 and 312 made of an insulating material such as a resist or polyimide are formed. Then, the semiconductor layer 307 and the N type semiconductor layer 308 are simultaneously patterned using the mask layers 311 and 312.

Then, mask layers 313 and 314 made of an insulating material such as a resist
30 or polyimide are formed by using a droplet discharge method (ref. FIG. 3C). A

through-hole 318 is formed in a part of the gate insulating layers 304 and 305 by an etching process using the mask layers 313 and 314, and a part of the conductive layer 303 disposed on a lower layer side thereof and to function as a gate electrode layer is exposed. Either plasma etching (dry etching) or wet etching may be adopted as the etching process. However, plasma etching is suitable to process a large-sized substrate. In addition, a local discharge process can be performed when an atmospheric pressure discharge etching process is applied, and a mask layer need not be entirely formed over the substrate.

Conductive layers 315, 316, and 317 are formed by discharging a composition including a conductive material after the mask layers 313 and 314 are removed. Then, the N type semiconductor layer is patterned using the conductive layers 315, 316, and 317 (ref. FIG. 3D). Note that the above-mentioned base pretreatment of selectively forming a photocatalytic substance or the like in a portion where the conductive layers 315, 316, and 317 are to be in contact with the gate insulating layer 305 may be performed before forming the conductive layers 315, 316, and 317, although not shown. In addition, base pretreatment may be performed on the surface also after the formation. According to this step, the conductive layer can be formed with favorable adhesion with a lower layer thereof and an upper layer to be laminated.

Further, the conductive layers 315, 316, and 317 that are wiring layers are formed to cover the N type semiconductor layer and the semiconductor layer as shown in FIG. 3D. The semiconductor layer is patterned by etching. Therefore, the wiring layer might not be able to cover a steep step and might be disconnected. Therefore, insulating layers 341, 342, and 343 are formed to reduce a step, and the step may be made gradual. The insulating layers 341, 342, and 343 can be selectively formed without a mask or the like when a droplet discharge method is employed. The step can be reduced owing to the insulating layers 341, 342, and 343, and the wiring layer to cover the insulating layers can be formed with favorable coverage without a defect such as break. The insulating layers 341, 342, and 343 can be formed by using an inorganic insulating material such as silicon oxide, silicon nitride, silicon oxynitride, aluminum oxide, aluminum nitride, or aluminum oxynitride; acrylic acid; methacrylic acid; a

derivative of acrylic acid or methacrylic; a heat-resistant high molecular weight material such as polyimide, aromatic polyamide, or polybenzimidazole; or inorganic siloxane or an organosiloxane-based insulating material in which hydrogen bonded with silicon is substituted by an organic group such as methyl or phenyl, including a Si-O-Si bond
5 among compounds that contain silicon, oxygen, and hydrogen and that is formed by using a siloxane material as a starting material.

Subsequently, a conductive layer (also referred to as a first electrode) 306 is formed by selectively discharging a composition including a conductive material onto the gate insulating film to be in contact with the conductive layer 317 which functions
10 as a/the source-drain wiring layer (ref. FIG. 4A). The conductive layer 306 may be formed by forming a predetermined pattern of a composition including indium tin oxide (ITO), indium tin oxide containing silicon oxide (ITSO), zinc oxide (ZnO), tin oxide (SnO₂), or the like and by baking it when light is to be emitted from the substrate 300 side or when a transmissive EL display panel is to be manufactured. Although not
15 shown, base pretreatment such as formation of a photocatalytic substance may be performed similarly to the case of forming the conductive layers 302 and 303 in a region where the conductive layer 306 is to be formed. The base pretreatment can improve adhesion and the conductive layer 306 can be formed into a desired pattern to be a thin line. The conductive layer 306 becomes the first electrode which functions as
20 a pixel electrode.

In addition, the conductive layer 316 that is the source-drain wiring layer and the conductive layer 303 that is the gate electrode layer are electrically connected to each other in the through-hole 318 formed in the gate insulating layer 305. A composition including a particle of a metal such as Ag (silver), Au (gold), Cu (copper),
25 W (tungsten), or Al (aluminum) as its main component can be used as a conductive material for forming the wiring layer. In addition, light-transmitting indium tin oxide (ITO), ITSO made of indium tin oxide and silicon oxide, organic indium, organic tin, zinc oxide, titanium nitride, and the like may be combined.

The step of forming the through-hole 318 in a part of the gate insulating layers
30 304 and 305 may be performed after forming the conductive layers 315, 316, and 317.

using the conductive layers 315, 316, and 317 as a mask to form the through-hole 318. Then, a conductive layer is formed in the through-hole 318, and the conductive layer 316 and the conductive layer 303 that is the gate electrode layer are electrically connected to each other.

5 Subsequently, an insulating layer 320 to be a bank (also referred to as a partition wall) is formed. Although not shown, a protective layer made of silicon nitride or silicon nitride oxide may be entirely formed under the insulating layer 320 to cover a thin film transistor. An opening is formed in the insulating layer 320 as shown in FIG. 4B by an etching process after the insulating layer is entirely formed by a spin
10 coating method or a dip method. The etching process is not necessarily required when the insulating layer 320 is formed by a droplet discharge method. When the insulating layer 320 or the like is formed over wide area by a droplet discharge method, it is formed by discharging a composition from a plurality of discharging openings of nozzles in a droplet discharge apparatus and by drawing so that a plurality of lines is
15 overlapped with each other. Consequently, a throughput is improved.

The insulating layer 320 is formed to have a through-hole corresponding to a position where a pixel is to be formed in accordance with the conductive layer 306 that is the first electrode.

20 According to the above-mentioned steps, a TFT substrate for the EL display panel in which a bottom gate type (also referred to as an inversed staggered type) channel protective TFT and the conductive layer (first electrode layer) 306 are connected over the substrate 300 is completed.

25 An electroluminescent layer 321 and a conductive layer 322 are laminated over the conductive layer 306 that is the first electrode, and then, a light emitting display device having a display function using a light emitting element is completed (ref. FIG. 4B).

30 As described above, a step can be omitted in this embodiment mode by not applying a light exposure step utilizing a photomask. In addition, an EL display panel can be easily manufactured by directly forming various patterns over a substrate with a droplet discharge method even when a glass substrate of the fifth or the following

generation having a side of more than 1000 mm is used.

In addition, a highly reliable light emitting display device in which adhesion and peel resistance are improved can be manufactured.

[Embodiment Mode 5]

5 An embodiment mode of the present invention is described with reference to FIGS. 7A to 7D and FIGS. 8A and 8B. This embodiment mode describes the case of having a different connection structure of a thin film transistor and a first electrode from that in Embodiment Mode 2. Therefore, repetitive description of the same portion or a portion having a similar function is omitted.

10 A base film 701 for improving adhesion is formed over a substrate 700 as base pretreatment. The case of forming TiO_x crystal having a predetermined crystal structure by a sputtering method as a photocatalytic substance is described in this embodiment mode. Sputtering is performed using a metal titanium tube as a target and using an argon gas and oxygen. Further, a He gas may be introduced. The
15 atmosphere is made to include much oxygen and formation pressure is set high to form TiO_x having high photocatalytic activity. It is preferable to form TiO_x while heating a film formation chamber or a substrate provided with an object to be treated.

The thus formed TiO_x has a photocatalytic function even when it is a very thin film.

20 Further, it is preferable to form the base film 701 made of a metal material such as Ti (titanium), W (tungsten), Cr (chromium), Ta (tantalum), Ni (nickel), or Mo (molybdenum), or oxide thereof by a sputtering method, a vapor deposition method, or the like as another base pretreatment. The base film 701 may be formed to be from 0.01 nm to 10 nm in thickness. It may be formed to be very thin and need not
25 necessarily have a layer structure. When a refractory metal material is used as the base film, it is preferable to treat a base film exposed on the surface by carrying out either of the following two steps after forming conductive layers 702 and 703 to be a gate electrode layer.

The first method is a step of insulating the base film 701 which is not
30 overlapped with the conductive layers 702 and 703 and forming an insulating layer. In

other words, the base film 701 which is not overlapped with the conductive layers 702 and 703 is oxidized and insulated. When the base film 701 is oxidized and insulated in this way, it is preferable to form the base film 701 to be from 0.01 nm to 10 nm in thickness; thus, the base film can be easily oxidized. Note that oxidization may be performed by exposing to an oxygen atmosphere or heat-treating.

The second method is a step of removing the base film 701 by etching using the conductive layers 702 and 703 as a mask. When the step is employed, there is no limitation on a thickness of the base film 701.

Alternatively, a method for performing plasma treatment on a formation region (formation face) can be employed as another base pretreatment. The plasma treatment is performed with air, oxygen, or nitrogen used as a treatment gas, with pressure from several tens of Torr to 1000 Torr (133000 Pa), preferably, from 100 Torr (13300 Pa) to 1000 Torr (133000 Pa), more preferably, from 700 Torr (93100 Pa) to 800 Torr (106400 Pa), that is, atmospheric pressure or pressure in proximity of atmospheric pressure, and a pulse voltage is applied under such conditions. At this time, plasma density is set from $1 \times 10^{10} \text{ m}^{-3}$ to $1 \times 10^{14} \text{ m}^{-3}$, so-called corona discharge or glow discharge. Surface modification can be performed without material dependence by employing plasma treatment using air, oxygen, or nitrogen as a treatment gas. Accordingly, surface modification can be performed on any material.

As another method, a substance of an organic material functioning as an adhesive may be formed to improve adhesion of a pattern to be formed by a droplet discharge method with a formation region thereof. An organic material (organic resin material) (polyimide or acrylic) or a material in which a skeletal structure is configured by a bond of silicon (Si) and oxygen (O) and which contains at least hydrogen as a substituent or which contains at least one of fluorine, an alkyl group, and aromatic hydrocarbon as a substituent may be used.

Subsequently, a composition including a conductive material is discharged, and conductive layers 702 and 703 to function as a gate electrode later are formed. The conductive layers 702 and 703 are formed by using a droplet discharge means. Silver is used as the conductive material in this embodiment mode; however, a laminate of

silver and copper or the like may be used. In addition, a single layer of copper may be used.

The above-mentioned step of forming the base film 701 is performed as base pretreatment for the conductive layer to be formed by using a droplet discharge method; however, the treatment step may be performed after the conductive layer is formed.

Subsequently, a gate insulating film is formed over the conductive layers 702 and 703 (ref. FIG. 7A). The gate insulating film may be made of a known material such as an oxide or nitride material of silicon, and may be a laminated layer or a single layer.

The semiconductor layer may be formed by a known method (a sputtering method, an LPCVD method, a plasma CVD method, or the like). There is no particular limitation on materials of the semiconductor layer, but the semiconductor layer is preferably made of silicon, a silicon germanium (SiGe) alloy, or the like.

An amorphous semiconductor (typically, hydrogenated amorphous silicon), a semi-amorphous semiconductor, a semiconductor including a crystal phase in a part of the semiconductor layer, a crystalline semiconductor (typically, polysilicon), or an organic semiconductor can be used as the semiconductor layer.

An amorphous semiconductor is used as the semiconductor in this embodiment mode. A semiconductor layer 707 is formed, and a semiconductor layer having one conductivity, for example, an N type semiconductor layer 708 is formed by a plasma CVD method or the like. The semiconductor layer having one conductivity may be formed if necessary.

Subsequently, mask layers 711 and 712 made of an insulating material such as a resist or polyimide are formed, and the semiconductor layer 707 and the N type semiconductor layer 708 are simultaneously patterned using the mask layers 711 and 712 (ref. FIG. 7B).

Then, mask layers 713 and 714 made of an insulating material such as a resist or polyimide are formed by using a droplet discharge method (ref. FIG. 7C). A through-hole 718 is formed in a part of the gate insulating layers 704 and 705 by an etching process using the mask layers 713 and 714, and a part of the conductive layer

703 disposed on a lower layer side thereof and to function as a gate electrode layer is exposed. Either plasma etching (dry etching) or wet etching may be adopted as the etching process. However, plasma etching is suitable to process a large-sized substrate. In addition, a local discharge process can be performed when an atmospheric pressure
5 discharge etching process is applied, and a mask layer need not be entirely formed over the substrate.

Conductive layers 715, 716, and 717 are formed by discharging a composition including a conductive material after the mask layers 713 and 714 are removed. Then, the N type semiconductor layer is patterned using the conductive layers 715, 716, and
10 717 (ref. FIG. 7D). Note that the above-mentioned base pretreatment of selectively forming a photocatalytic substance or the like in a portion where the conductive layers 715, 716, and 717 are to be in contact with the gate insulating layer 705 may be performed before forming the conductive layers 715, 716, and 717, although not shown. In addition, base pretreatment may be performed on the surface also after the formation.
15 According to this step, the conductive layer can be formed with favorable adhesion with a lower layer thereof and an upper layer to be laminated.

Subsequently, a conductive layer (also referred to as a first electrode) 706 is formed by selectively discharging a composition including a conductive material onto the gate insulating film to be in contact with the conductive layer 717 which functions
20 as a/the source-drain wiring layer (ref. FIG. 8A). The conductive layer 706 may be formed by forming a predetermined pattern of a composition including indium tin oxide (ITO), indium tin oxide containing silicon oxide (ITSO), zinc oxide (ZnO), tin oxide (SnO₂), or the like and by baking it when light is to be emitted from the substrate 700 side or when a transmissive EL display panel is to be manufactured. Although not
25 shown, base pretreatment such as formation of a photocatalytic substance may be performed similarly to the case of forming the conductive layers 702 and 703 in a region where the conductive layer 706 is to be formed. The base pretreatment can improve adhesion and the conductive layer 706 can be formed into a desired pattern to be a thin line. The conductive layer 706 becomes the first electrode which functions as
30 a pixel electrode.

In addition, the conductive layer 716 that is the source-drain wiring layer and the conductive layer 703 that is the gate electrode layer are electrically connected to each other in the through-hole 718 formed in the gate insulating layer 705. A composition including a particle of a metal such as Ag (silver), Au (gold), Cu (copper),
5 W (tungsten), or Al (aluminum) as its main component can be used as a conductive material for forming the conductive layer. In addition, light-transmitting indium tin oxide (ITO), ITSO made of indium tin oxide and silicon oxide, organic indium, organic tin, zinc oxide, titanium nitride, and the like may be combined.

The step of forming the through-hole 718 in a part of the gate insulating layers
10 704 and 705 may be performed after forming the conductive layers 715, 716, and 717, using the conductive layers 715, 716, and 717 as a mask to form the through-hole 718. Then, a conductive layer is formed in the through-hole 718, and the conductive layer 716 and the conductive layer 703 that is the gate electrode layer are electrically connected to each other.

15 Subsequently, an insulating layer 720 to be a bank (also referred to as a partition wall) is formed. Although not shown, a protective layer made of silicon nitride or silicon nitride oxide may be entirely formed under the insulating layer 720 to cover a thin film transistor. An opening is formed in the insulating layer 720 as shown in FIG. 8B by an etching process after the insulating film is entirely formed by a spin
20 coating method or a dip method. The etching process is not necessarily required when the insulating layer 720 is formed by a droplet discharge method. When the insulating layer 720 or the like is formed over wide area by a droplet discharge method, it is formed by discharging a composition from a plurality of discharging openings of nozzles in a droplet discharge apparatus and by drawing so that a plurality of lines is
25 overlapped with each other. Consequently, a throughput is improved.

The insulating layer 720 is formed to have a through-hole corresponding to a position where a pixel is to be formed in accordance with the conductive layer 706 that is the first electrode.

According to the above-mentioned steps, a TFT substrate for the EL display
30 panel in which a bottom gate type (also referred to as an inversed staggered type)

channel etch TFT and the first electrode (first electrode layer) 706 are connected over the substrate 700 is completed.

5 An electroluminescent layer 721 and a conductive layer 722 are laminated over the conductive layer 706 that is the first electrode, and then, a light emitting display device having a display function using a light emitting element is completed (ref. FIG. 8B).

10 As described above, a step can be omitted in this embodiment mode by not applying a light exposure step utilizing a photomask. In addition, an EL display panel can be easily manufactured by directly forming various patterns over a substrate with a droplet discharge method even when a glass substrate of the fifth or the following generation having a side of more than 1000 mm is used.

In addition, a highly reliable light emitting display device in which adhesion and peel resistance are improved can be manufactured.

[Embodiment Mode 6]

15 An embodiment mode of the present invention is described with reference to FIGS. 11A to 11D and FIG. 12. This embodiment mode describes the case of having a different connection structure of a thin film transistor and a first electrode from that in Embodiment Mode 3. Therefore, repetitive description of the same portion or a portion having a similar function is omitted.

20 A base film 201 having a function of improving adhesion is formed over a substrate 200 (ref. FIG. 11A). Note that an insulating layer may be formed over the substrate 200. The insulating layer may not necessarily be formed, but it is effective in blocking a contaminant or the like from the substrate 200. A base film is effective particularly in the case of a staggered type thin film transistor as in this embodiment mode since a semiconductor layer is directly in contact with the substrate. In the case of forming the insulating layer to prevent contamination from a glass substrate, the base film 201 is formed as a base film in a formation region of conductive layers 202 and 203 to be formed thereover by a droplet discharge method.

25 In this embodiment mode, a substance having a photocatalytic function is used as a base film 201 having a function of improving adhesion.

The case of forming TiO_x crystal having a predetermined crystal structure by a sputtering method as a photocatalytic substance is described in this embodiment mode. Sputtering is performed using a metal titanium tube as a target and using an argon gas and oxygen. Further, a He gas may be introduced. The atmosphere is made to include much oxygen and formation pressure is set high to form TiO_x having high photocatalytic activity. It is preferable to form TiO_x while heating a film formation chamber or a substrate provided with an object to be treated.

The thus formed TiO_x has a photocatalytic function even when it is a very thin film.

Further, it is preferable to form the base film 201 made of a metal material such as Ti (titanium), W (tungsten), Cr (chromium), Ta (tantalum), Ni (nickel), or Mo (molybdenum), or oxide thereof by a sputtering method, a vapor deposition method, or the like as another base pretreatment. The base film 201 may be formed to be from 0.01 nm to 10 nm in thickness. It may be formed to be very thin and need not necessarily have a layer structure. When a refractory metal material is used as the base film, it is preferable to treat a base film exposed on the surface by carrying out either of the following two steps after forming the conductive layers 215, 216, and 217 to function as a source-drain wiring layer.

The first method is a step of insulating the base film 201 which is not overlapped with the conductive layers 215, 216, and 217 that function as a source-drain wiring layer and forming an insulating layer. In other words, the base film 201 which is not overlapped with the conductive layers 215, 216, and 217 that function as a source-drain wiring layer is oxidized and insulated. When the base film 201 is oxidized and insulated in this way, it is preferable to form the base film 201 to be from 0.01 nm to 10 nm in thickness; thus, the base film can be easily oxidized. Note that oxidization may be performed by exposing to an oxygen atmosphere or heat-treating.

The second method is a step of removing the base film 201 by etching using the conductive layers 215, 216, and 217 that function as a source-drain wiring layer as a mask. When the step is employed, there is no limitation on a thickness of the base film 201.

Alternatively, a method for performing plasma treatment on a formation region (formation face) can be employed as another base pretreatment. The plasma treatment is performed with air, oxygen, or nitrogen used as a treatment gas, with pressure from several tens of Torr to 1000 Torr (133000 Pa), preferably, from 100 Torr (13300 Pa) to 1000 Torr (133000 Pa), more preferably, from 700 Torr (93100 Pa) to 800 Torr (106400 Pa), that is, atmospheric pressure or pressure in proximity of atmospheric pressure, and a pulse voltage is applied under such conditions. At this time, plasma density is set from $1 \times 10^{10} \text{ m}^{-3}$ to $1 \times 10^{14} \text{ m}^{-3}$, so-called corona discharge or glow discharge. Surface modification can be performed without material dependence by employing plasma treatment using air, oxygen, or nitrogen as a treatment gas. Accordingly, surface modification can be performed on any material.

As another method, a substance of an organic material functioning as an adhesive may be formed to improve adhesion of a pattern to be formed by a droplet discharge method with a formation region thereof. An organic material (organic resin material) (polyimide or acrylic) or a material in which a skeletal structure is configured by a bond of silicon (Si) and oxygen (O) and which contains at least hydrogen as a substituent or which contains at least one of fluorine, an alkyl group, and aromatic hydrocarbon as a substituent may be used.

Subsequently, a composition including a conductive material is discharged, and conductive layers 215, 216, and 217 to function as a source-drain wiring layer are formed. The conductive layers 215, 216, and 217 are formed by using a droplet discharge means.

A composition including a particle of a metal such as Ag (silver), Au (gold), Cu (copper), W (tungsten), or Al (aluminum) as its main component can be used as a conductive material for forming the conductive layers 215, 216, and 217. Since the source-drain wiring layer is preferably made low resistant, it is preferable to use any material selected from gold, silver, and copper, which is dissolved or dispersed in a solvent, taking a specific resistance value into consideration. It is more preferable to use silver or copper having a low resistance value. In addition, a particle in which a conductive material is coated with other conductive materials to be a plurality of layers

may be used. For example, a three-layer structure particle in which copper is coated with nickel boron (NiB), and then, coated with silver may be used. The solvent corresponds to esters such as butyl acetate, alcohols such as isopropyl alcohol, an organic solvent such as acetone, or the like. Surface tension and viscosity thereof are appropriately adjusted by adjusting concentration of the solvent or by adding a surfactant or the like.

In addition, the above-mentioned step of forming the base film 201 is performed as base pretreatment for the conductive layer to be formed by using a droplet discharge method; however, the treatment step may be performed after the conductive layers 215, 216, and 217 are formed. For example, when a titanium oxide film is formed and an N type semiconductor layer is formed thereover, adhesion between the conductive layer and the N type semiconductor layer is improved, although not shown.

After the N type semiconductor layer is entirely formed over the conductive layers 215, 216, and 217, the N type layers between the conductive layer 215 and the conductive layer 216 and between the conductive layer 216 and the conductive layer 217 are removed by etching using mask layers 211, 212, and 219 made of an insulating material such as a resist or polyimide. A semiconductor layer having one conductivity may be formed if necessary. Then, a semiconductor layer 207 made of an AS or a SAS is formed by a vapor phase growth method or a sputtering method. When a plasma CVD method is employed, an AS is formed by using SiH_4 that is a semiconductor material gas or a mixture gas of SiH_4 and H_2 . A SAS is formed from a mixture gas in which SiH_4 is diluted with H_2 by from 3 times to 1000 times. When the SAS is formed from the above gas, the semiconductor layer has favorable crystallinity on a surface side of the semiconductor layer. It is suitable for a top gate type TFT in which the gate electrode is formed in an upper layer of the semiconductor layer.

Subsequently, a gate insulating layer 205 is formed to be a single layer or to have a laminated structure by using a plasma CVD method or a sputtering method (ref. FIG. 11B). A laminate of three layers of an insulating layer made of silicon nitride, an insulating layer made of silicon oxide, and an insulating layer made of silicon nitride is a particularly preferable structure.

Next, conductive layers 202 and 203 that are gate electrode layers are formed by a droplet discharge method (ref. FIG. 11C). A composition including a particle of a metal such as Ag (silver), Au (gold), Cu (copper), W (tungsten), or Al (aluminum) as its main component can be used as a conductive material for forming the layer.

5 The semiconductor layer 207 and the gate insulating layer 205 are formed in a position corresponding to the source-drain wiring layer (the conductive layers 215, 216, and 217) using the mask layers 213 and 214 formed by a droplet discharge method. In other words, the semiconductor layer is formed to straddle the conductive layers 215 and 216 that are the source-drain wiring layers.

10 Subsequently, conductive layers 230 and 231 are formed by a droplet discharge method. The conductive layer 216 and the conductive layer 203 are electrically connected to each other.

Thereafter, a conductive layer (also referred to as a first electrode) 206 is formed to be in contact with the conductive layer 231 by selectively discharging a composition including a conductive material. In addition, the conductive layer 206 may be directly in contact with the conductive layer 217. The conductive layer 206 may be formed by forming a predetermined pattern of a composition including indium tin oxide (ITO), indium tin oxide containing silicon oxide (ITSO), zinc oxide (ZnO), tin oxide (SnO₂), or the like and by baking it when light is to be emitted from the substrate 200 side or when a transmissive EL display panel is to be manufactured. Although not shown, a photocatalytic substance may be formed similarly to the case of forming the conductive layers 215, 216, and 217 in a region where the conductive layer 206 is to be formed. The photocatalytic substance can improve adhesion and the conductive layer 206 can be formed into a desired pattern to be a thin line. The conductive layer 206 becomes the first electrode which functions as a pixel electrode.

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The source-drain wiring layer and the gate electrode layer may be directly connected by the gate electrode layer without using the conductive layer 230. In that case, a through-hole is formed in the gate insulating layer 205 and a part of the conductive layers 216 and 217 that are the source-drain wirings is exposed before the conductive layers 202 and 203 that are the gate electrode layers are formed. Thereafter,

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the conductive layers 202 and 203 that are the gate electrode layers and the conductive layer 231 are formed by a droplet discharge method. At this time, the conductive layer 203 is a wiring which also serves as the conductive layer 230, and is connected to the conductive layer 216. Either dry etching or wet etching is employed for etching;
5 however, plasma etching that is dry etching is preferable.

Subsequently, an insulating layer 220 to be a bank (also referred to as a partition wall) is formed. Although not shown, a protective layer made of silicon nitride or silicon nitride oxide may be entirely formed under the insulating layer 220 to cover a thin film transistor. An opening is formed in the insulating layer 220 as shown
10 in FIG. 12 by an etching process after the insulating film is entirely formed by a spin coating method or a dip method. The etching process is not necessarily required when the insulating layer 220 is formed by a droplet discharge method. When the insulating layer 220 or the like is formed over wide area by a droplet discharge method, it is formed by discharging a composition from a plurality of discharging openings of
15 nozzles in a droplet discharge apparatus and by drawing so that a plurality of lines is overlapped with each other. Consequently, a throughput is improved.

The insulating layer 220 is formed to have a through-hole corresponding to a position where a pixel is to be formed in accordance with the conductive layer 206 that is the first electrode.

20 According to the above-mentioned steps, a TFT substrate in which a top gate type (also referred to as a staggered type) TFT and the conductive layer (first electrode layer) 206 are connected over the substrate 200 is completed.

Moisture adsorbed inside the insulating layer 220 or to a surface thereof is removed by performing heat treatment at 200 °C under atmospheric pressure before
25 forming an electroluminescent layer 221. In addition, heat treatment is performed at a temperature of from 200 °C to 400 °C, preferably, from 250 °C to 350 °C under reduced pressure, and the electroluminescent layer 221 is preferably formed by a vacuum vapor deposition method or a droplet discharge method under reduced pressure without being exposed to atmospheric air.

30 An electroluminescent layer 221 and a conductive layer 222 are laminated over

the conductive layer 206 that is the first electrode, and then, a light emitting display device having a display function using a light emitting element is completed (ref. FIG. 12).

As described above, a step can be omitted in this embodiment mode by not
5 applying a light exposure step utilizing a photomask. In addition, an EL display panel can be easily manufactured by directly forming various patterns over a substrate with a droplet discharge method even when a glass substrate of the fifth or the following generation having a side of more than 1000 mm is used.

In addition, a highly reliable light emitting display device in which adhesion
10 and peel resistance are improved can be manufactured.

[Embodiment Mode 7]

An embodiment mode of the present invention is described with reference to
FIGS. 14A to 14D and FIGS. 15A and 15B. This embodiment mode describes the case
of having a different connection structure of a conductive layer 116 which penetrates a
15 gate insulating layer 105 and which is a wiring layer and a conductive layer 103 which is a gate electrode layer, from that in Embodiment Mode 1. Therefore, repetitive description of the same portion or a portion having a similar function is omitted.

A base film 101 for improving adhesion is formed over a substrate 100 (ref.
FIG. 14A). Note that an insulating layer may be formed over the substrate 100.

20 In this embodiment mode, a substance having a photocatalytic function is used as a base film 101 having a function of improving adhesion.

The case of forming TiO_x crystal having a predetermined crystal structure by a sputtering method as a photocatalytic substance is described in this embodiment mode. Sputtering is performed using a metal titanium tube as a target and using an argon gas
25 and oxygen. Further, a He gas may be introduced. The atmosphere is made to include much oxygen and formation pressure is set high to form TiO_x having high photocatalytic activity. It is preferable to form TiO_x while heating a film formation chamber or a substrate provided with an object to be treated.

The thus formed TiO_x has a photocatalytic function even when it is a very thin
30 film.

Further, it is preferable to form the base film 101 made of a metal material such as Ti (titanium), W (tungsten), Cr (chromium), Ta (tantalum), Ni (nickel), or Mo (molybdenum), or oxide thereof by a sputtering method, a vapor deposition method, or the like as another base pretreatment. The base film 101 may be formed to be from 0.01 nm to 10 nm in thickness. It may be formed to be very thin and need not necessarily have a layer structure. When a refractory metal material is used as the base film, it is preferable to treat a base film exposed on the surface by carrying out either of the following two steps after forming the conductive layers 102 and 103 to function as a source-drain wiring layer.

The first method is a step of insulating the base film 101 which is not overlapped with the conductive layers 102 and 103 and forming an insulating layer. In other words, the base film 101 which is not overlapped with the conductive layers 102 and 103 is oxidized and insulated. When the base film 101 is oxidized and insulated in this way, it is preferable to form the base film 101 to be from 0.01 nm to 10 nm in thickness; thus, the base film can be easily oxidized. Note that oxidization may be performed by exposing to an oxygen atmosphere or heat-treating.

The second method is a step of removing the base film 101 by performing etching using the conductive layers 102 and 103 as a mask. When the step is applied, there is no limitation on a thickness of the base film 101.

Alternatively, a method for performing plasma treatment on a formation region (formation face) can be employed as another base pretreatment. The plasma treatment is performed with air, oxygen, or nitrogen used as a treatment gas, with pressure from several tens of Torr to 1000 Torr (133000 Pa), preferably, from 100 Torr (13300 Pa) to 1000 Torr (133000 Pa), more preferably, from 700 Torr (93100 Pa) to 800 Torr (106400 Pa), that is, atmospheric pressure or pressure in proximity of atmospheric pressure, and a pulse voltage is applied under such conditions. At this time, plasma density is set from $1 \times 10^{10} \text{ m}^{-3}$ to $1 \times 10^{14} \text{ m}^{-3}$, so-called corona discharge or glow discharge. Surface modification can be performed without material dependence by employing plasma treatment using air, oxygen, or nitrogen as a treatment gas. Accordingly, surface modification can be performed on any material.

As another method, a substance of an organic material functioning as an adhesive may be formed to improve adhesion of a pattern to be formed by a droplet discharge method with a formation region thereof. An organic material (organic resin material) (polyimide or acrylic) or a material in which a skeletal structure is configured by a bond of silicon (Si) and oxygen (O) and which contains at least hydrogen as a substituent or which contains at least one of fluorine, an alkyl group, and aromatic hydrocarbon as a substituent may be used.

Subsequently, a composition including a conductive material is discharged, and conductive layers 102 and 103 to function as a gate electrode later are formed. The conductive layers 102 and 103 are formed by using a droplet discharge means.

A conductive material 140 which functions as a pillar is formed by locally discharging a composition including a conductive material after the conductive layer 103 is formed. The conductive material 140 is preferably formed to be cylindrical by depositing the discharged composition. This is because a pattern in a lower layer and a pattern in an upper layer easily make contact with each other when the cylindrical conductive material 140 is used. The conductive material 140 may be made of the same material as that of the conductive layer 103 or be made of a different material. It may be formed by discharging the composition in piles.

After the conductive layer 103 is formed, the above-described base pretreatment may be performed on the conductive layer 103 to improve adhesion again. Further, it is preferable to perform base pretreatment similarly, after the conductive material 140 to be a pillar is formed. Layers can have favorable adhesion when base pretreatment such as formation of a photocatalytic substance like TiO_x is performed.

Subsequently, a gate insulating film is formed over the conductive layers 102 and 103 (ref. FIG. 14A)

Then, a conductive layer (also referred to as a first electrode) 106 is formed by selectively discharging a composition including a conductive material onto the gate insulating film (ref. FIG. 14B). Although not shown, a photocatalytic substance may be formed similarly to the case of forming the conductive layers 102 and 103 in a region where the conductive layer 106 is to be formed. The photocatalytic substance can

improve adhesion and the conductive layer 106 can be formed into a desired pattern to be a thin line. The conductive layer 106 becomes the first electrode to function as a pixel electrode.

5 An amorphous semiconductor is used as the semiconductor in this embodiment mode. A semiconductor layer 107 that is an amorphous semiconductor layer is formed, and an insulating film is formed by, for example, a plasma CVD method and is patterned to have a desired shape in a desired region in order to form channel protective films 109 and 110. At this time, the channel protective films 109 and 110 can be formed by exposing a back of the substrate to light using the gate electrode as a mask.
10 In addition, polyimide, polyvinyl alcohol, or the like may be dropped as the channel protective film by a droplet discharge method. Consequently, a light-exposure step can be omitted. Thereafter, a semiconductor layer having one conductivity, for example, an N type semiconductor layer 108 using an N type amorphous semiconductor layer is formed by a plasma CVD method or the like (ref. FIG. 14C). The semiconductor layer
15 having one conductivity may be formed if necessary.

Subsequently, mask layers 111 and 112 made of an insulating material such as a resist or polyimide are formed, and the semiconductor layer 107 and the N type semiconductor layer 108 are simultaneously patterned using the mask layers 111 and 112.

20 In this embodiment mode, a conductive material to be connected to the conductive layer 103 which is a gate electrode layer by the conductive material 140 which functions as a pillar penetrates the gate electrode layer 105 and exists on the gate insulating layer 105. Therefore, a step of opening a through-hole in the gate insulating layer can be omitted.

25 Conductive layers 115, 116, and 117 are formed by discharging a composition including a conductive material. Then, the N type semiconductor is patterned using the conductive layers 115, 116, and 117 as a mask. Note that a photocatalytic substance may be selectively formed in a portion where the conductive layers 115, 116, and 117 are to be in contact with the gate insulating layer 105 before forming the
30 conductive layers 115, 116, and 117, although not shown. Accordingly, the conductive

layer can be formed with favorable adhesion.

The conductive layer 117 functions as a source-drain wiring layer and is formed to electrically connect with the first electrode formed beforehand. The conductive layer 116 which is a source-drain wiring layer can be electrically connected
5 to the conductive layer 103 which is the gate electrode layer through the conductive material 140 (ref. FIG. 15A). When the insulating layer or the like is left over the conductive material 140 which functions as a pillar, it may be removed by etching or the like.

Subsequently, an insulating layer 120 to be a bank (also referred to as a
10 partition wall) is formed.

The insulating layer 120 is formed to have a through-hole corresponding to a position where a pixel is to be formed in accordance with the conductive layer 106 that is the first electrode.

According to the above-mentioned steps, a TFT substrate for the EL display
15 panel in which a bottom gate type (also referred to as an inversed staggered type) channel protective TFT and the first electrode (first electrode layer) are connected over the substrate 100 is completed.

An electroluminescent layer 121 and a conductive layer 122 are laminated over the conductive layer 106 that is the first electrode, and then, a light emitting display
20 device having a display function using a light emitting element is completed (ref. FIG. 15B).

As described above, a step can be omitted in this embodiment mode by not applying a light exposure step utilizing a photomask. In addition, an EL display panel can be easily manufactured by directly forming various patterns over a substrate with a
25 droplet discharge method even when a glass substrate of the fifth or the following generation having a side of more than 1000 mm is used.

In addition, a highly reliable light emitting display device in which adhesion and peel resistance are improved can be manufactured. A connection method of using a pillar instead of forming a through-hole in this embodiment mode can be freely
30 combined with the above embodiment mode.

[Embodiment 1]

A thin film transistor can be formed by applying the present invention, and a light emitting display device can be formed by using the thin film transistor. In the case of using a light emitting element as a display element and using an N type transistor as a transistor for driving the light emitting element, light emission from the light emitting element is any one of bottom emission, top emission, and dual emission. Here, a laminated structure of a light emitting element for any case is described with reference to FIGS. 17A to 17C.

A transistor 451 that is a channel protective thin film transistor formed in Embodiment Mode 1 by applying the present invention is used in this embodiment.

First, the case of emitting light to a substrate 450 side, that is, the case of bottom emission is described with reference to FIG. 17A. In this case, source-drain wirings 452 and 453, a first electrode 454, an electroluminescent layer 455, and a second electrode 456, which are to be electrically connected to a transistor 451, are sequentially laminated. Next, the case of emitting light to an opposite side of a substrate 450, that is, the case of top emission is described with reference to FIG. 17B. Source-drain wirings 461 and 462, a first electrode 463, an electroluminescent layer 464, and a second electrode 465, which are to be electrically connected to a transistor 451, are sequentially laminated. Even if the first electrode 463 transmits light, the light is reflected by the wiring 462 and emitted to the opposite side of the substrate 450 according to the above structure. Note that a light-transmitting material need not be used for the first electrode 463 in this structure. Lastly, the case of emitting light to a substrate 450 side and to an opposite side thereof, that is, the case of dual emission is described with reference to FIG. 17C. Source-drain wirings 470 and 471, a first electrode 472, an electroluminescent layer 473, and a second electrode 474, which are to be electrically connected to a transistor 451, are sequentially laminated. At this time, dual emission is realized when both the first electrode 472 and the second electrode 474 are made of a light-transmitting material or are formed to have a thickness that can transmit light.

The light emitting element has a structure in which the electroluminescent layer

is sandwiched between the first electrode and the second electrode. It is necessary to select materials of the first electrode and the second electrode in consideration of a work function. Both the first electrode and the second electrode can be an anode or a cathode depending on a pixel structure. Since polarity of a driving TFT is an N channel type in this embodiment mode, the first electrode is preferably a cathode and the second electrode is preferably an anode. When polarity of the driving TFT is a P channel type, the first electrode is preferably an anode and the second electrode is preferably a cathode.

When the first electrode is an anode, the electroluminescent layer is preferably formed by sequentially laminating an HIL (hole injection layer), an HTL (hole transport layer), an EML (emission layer), an ETL (electron transport layer), and an EIL (electron injection layer) from an anode side. When the first electrode is a cathode, a structure of the electroluminescent layer becomes the reverse. It is preferable to sequentially laminate an EIL (electron injection layer), an ETL (electron transport layer), an EML (emission layer), an HTL (hole transport layer), an HIL (hole injection layer), and an anode that is the second electrode from a cathode side. Note that the electroluminescent layer can have a single layer structure or a combined structure as well as a laminated structure.

Materials showing luminescence of red (R), green (G), and blue (B) may be selectively formed as the electroluminescent layer by a vapor deposition method using respective vapor deposition masks or the like. The materials showing luminescence of red (R), green (G), and blue (B) (such as a low molecular weight or high molecular weight material) can be formed by a droplet discharge method, which is preferable since coloring of RGB can be separately performed in this case without using a mask similarly to a color filter.

Specifically, CuPc or PEDOT is used as the HIL; α -NPD, as the HTL; BCP or Alq₃, as the ETL; BCP:Li or CaF₂, as the EIL, respectively. In addition, Alq₃ doped with a dopant corresponding to respective luminescence colors of R, G, and B (DCM or the like in the case of R, and DMQD or the like in the case of G) may be used as the EML, for example.

Note that the electroluminescent layer is not limited to the above material. For example, a hole injection property can be enhanced by co-evaporating oxide such as molybdenum oxide (MoO_x : $x=2$ to 3) and α -NPD or rubrene instead of using CuPc or PEDOT. An organic material (including a low molecular weight material or a high
5 molecular weight material) or a composite material of an organic material and an inorganic material can be used as the material of the electroluminescent layer.

In addition, a color filter may be formed on an opposing substrate of the substrate 450, although not shown in FIGS. 17A to 17C. The color filter can be formed by a droplet discharge method; in that case, photoplasma treatment can be
10 performed as the above-described base pretreatment. The color filter can be formed in a desired pattern with favorable adhesion due to the base film of the present invention. High-definition display can be performed by using the color filter. This is because the color filter can adjust a broad peak to sharp one in each emission spectrum of RGB.

The case of forming materials showing each luminescence of RGB is described
15 hereinabove; however, full color display can be performed also by forming a material showing luminescence of single color and combining the material with a color filter or a color conversion layer. For example, in the case of forming an electroluminescent layer showing white or orange luminescence, full color display can be performed by separately providing a color filter, a color conversion layer, or a combination of a color
20 filter and a color conversion layer. For example, the color filter or the color conversion layer may be formed over a second substrate (sealing substrate), and then, be attached to the substrate. As described above, the material showing luminescence of single color, the color filter, and the color conversion layer can all be formed by a droplet discharge method.

25 Naturally, display of single color luminescence may be performed. For example, an area color type light emitting display device may be formed by using single color luminescence. A passive matrix display portion is suitable for the area color type and can display mainly characters and symbols.

A material having a low work function can be used for the cathode in the above
30 structure; for example, Ca, Al, CaF, MgAg, AlLi, or the like is preferable. The

electroluminescent layer may be any of a single layer type, a laminated type, and a mixed type having no interface between layers. Any of the following materials can be used: a singlet material, a triplet material, a combined material thereof, an organic material including a low molecular weight material, a high molecular weight material, and an intermediate molecular weight material, an inorganic material typified by molybdenum oxide which is superior in an electron injection property, and a composite material of an organic material and an inorganic material. The first electrodes 454, 463, and 472 are formed by using a transparent conductive film which transmits light; for example, a transparent conductive film in which indium oxide is mixed with zinc oxide (ZnO) of from 2 % to 20 % as well as ITO or ITSO is used. Note that plasma treatment in an oxygen atmosphere or heat treatment in a vacuum atmosphere is preferably performed before forming the first electrodes 454, 463, and 472. A partition wall (also referred to as a bank) is formed by using a material containing silicon, an organic material, or a compound material. In addition, a porous film may be used. Note that it is preferable to form the partition wall by using a photosensitive or non-photosensitive material such as acrylic or polyimide, since a side face thereof becomes a shape in which a radius of curvature continuously changes and an upper-layer thin film is formed without break. This embodiment can be freely combined with the above embodiment mode.

[Embodiment 2]

An appearance of a panel that is one mode of a light emitting display device to which the present invention is applied is described with reference to FIG. 20.

In a panel shown in FIG. 20, a driver IC in which a driver circuit is formed around a pixel portion 751 is mounted by a COG (Chip On Glass) method. Of course, the driver IC may be mounted by a TAB (Tape Automated Bonding) method.

A substrate 750 is fixed to an opposing substrate 753 with a sealant 752. The pixel portion 751 may utilize an EL element as a display medium. Driver ICs 755a and 755b, and driver ICs 757a, 757b, and 757c may each be an integrated circuit formed by using a single crystal semiconductor, or an equivalent formed by using a TFT which is manufactured by using a polycrystalline semiconductor. A signal or power is

supplied to the driver ICs 755a and 755b, and the driver ICs 757a, 757b, and 757c through FPCs 756a and 756b, and FPCs 754a, 754b and 754c, respectively.

[Embodiment 3]

A structure of a light emitting display device having a display function according to the present invention is described with reference to FIG. 23. FIG. 23 is a top view showing a simple overview of the light emitting display device, in which a pixel portion (display portion) 6102 and protection circuits 6103 and 6104 are formed over a substrate 6100 and are connected to a signal line side driver IC 6107 and a scanning line side driver IC 6104 through a lead wiring. When an amorphous semiconductor or a microcrystalline semiconductor is used as an element constituting the pixel portion 6102, it is preferable that the driver ICs 6107 and 6108 be mounted on the substrate as shown in the diagram by a known method such as a COG method or a TAB method and these driver ICs be used as driver circuits. When a microcrystalline semiconductor is used as the element constituting the pixel portion 6102, the scanning line side driver circuit may be composed of the microcrystalline semiconductor whereas the driver IC 6107 may be mounted on the signal line side. As a different structure from the above-mentioned structure, a part of the scanning line side driver circuit and a part of the signal line side driver circuit may be formed over one substrate and the driver ICs may be used in place of another part. In other words, there are various structures for mounting the driver ICs, and the invention may employ any structure.

Next, a pixel circuit of the light emitting display device having a display function according to the present invention is described with reference to FIGS. 24A to 24C. FIG. 24A is an equivalent circuit diagram of a pixel 6101. The pixel 6101 includes: a TFT 6110 for controlling input of a video signal to the pixel 6101; a TFT 6111 for controlling the amount of electric current that flows between a pair of electrodes of a light emitting element 6113; and a capacitor element 6112 for storing gate-source voltage of the TFT 6111, in a region surrounded by a signal line 6114, power supply lines 6115 and 6117, and a scanning line 6116. Although the capacitor element 6112 is shown in FIG. 24B, the capacitor element is not necessarily provided when it can be replaced with a gate capacitor or another parasitic capacitor of the TFT.

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FIG. 24B shows a pixel circuit having a structure in which the pixel 6101 shown in FIG. 24A is newly provided with a TFT 6118 and a scanning line 6119. Supply of the electric current to the light emitting element 6113 can be forcibly stopped by arranging the TFT 6118. Accordingly, a lighting period can be started simultaneously with or immediately after a start of a writing period without waiting for writing of signals in all pixels. Consequently, a duty ratio is improved, and moving images can be particularly favorably displayed.

FIG. 24C shows a pixel circuit in which the TFT 6111 of the pixel 6101 shown in FIG. 24B is removed and the pixel 6101 is newly provided with TFTs 6125 and 6126 and a wiring 6127. In this structure, a gate electrode of the TFT 6125 is connected to the wiring 6127 having a constant electric potential. Accordingly, the electric potential of the gate electrode is fixed and the TFT 6125 is operated in a saturation region. In addition, a video signal for transmitting information on lighting or non-lighting of the pixel is inputted through the TFT 6110 to a gate electrode of the TFT 6126 which is connected to the TFT 6125 in series and operated in a linear region. The source-drain voltage value of the TFT 6126 operated in the linear region is low, so that slight variation in the gate-source voltage of the TFT 6126 does not adversely affect the amount of electric current flowing through the light emitting element 6113. Accordingly, the amount of electric current flowing through the light emitting element 6113 is determined by the TFT 6125 which is operated in the saturation region. According to the present invention having the above-mentioned structure, luminance variation of the light emitting element 6113, which is caused by variation in characteristics of the TFT 6125, can be improved, thereby improving the image quality. It is preferable that the channel length L_1 and the channel width W_1 of the TFT 6125, and the channel length L_2 and the channel width W_2 of the TFT 6126 be set to satisfy $L_1/W_1 : L_2/W_2 = 5 \text{ to } 6000 : 1$. It is also preferable from the viewpoint of the manufacturing steps that both of the TFTs have the same conductivity type. Further, the TFT 6125 may be either an enhancement mode TFT or a depletion mode TFT.

FIG. 16A is a top view of a pixel circuit having the above-mentioned structure.

and FIG. 16B is an equivalent circuit diagram thereof. In FIGS. 16A and 16B, TFTs 1601 and 1602 and a capacitor element 1604 are included in a region surrounded by a signal line 1606, a power supply line 1607, a scanning line 1605. A pixel electrode 1603 is connected to a source or a drain of the TFT 1602.

5 The light emitting display device having a display function according to the invention may use either an analog video signal or a digital video signal. When the digital video signal is employed, the video signal varies depending on whether the video signal uses voltage or current. In other words, a video signal inputted to a pixel when a light emitting element emits light includes a constant voltage video signal and a
10 constant current video signal. The constant voltage video signal includes a constant voltage video signal in which voltage applied to the light emitting element is constant and a constant voltage video signal in which current flowing in the light emitting element is constant. In addition, the constant current video signal includes a constant current video signal in which voltage applied to the light emitting element is constant
15 and a constant current video signal in which current flowing in the light emitting element is constant. A driving method in which voltage applied to the light emitting element is constant indicates constant voltage driving, whereas a driving method in which current flowing through the light emitting element is constant indicates constant current driving. As for the constant current driving, constant current flows regardless
20 of variation in resistance of the light emitting element. The light emitting display device and the driving method thereof according to the invention may use either the video signal using voltage or the video signal using current. Furthermore, either the constant voltage driving or the constant current driving may be employed. This embodiment can be freely combined with the above-mentioned embodiment mode and
25 embodiment.

[Embodiment 4]

 An example of a protection circuit included in a light emitting display device of the present invention is described. The protection circuit is composed of one or a plurality of elements selected from a TFT, a diode, a resistor element, a capacitor element, and the like. Several structures and operation of the protection circuit are
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hereinafter described. First, a structure of an equivalent circuit diagram of a protection circuit which is disposed between an external circuit and an internal circuit and which corresponds to one input terminal is described with reference to FIGS. 25A to 26C. A protection circuit shown in FIG. 25A includes P-type TFTs 7220 and 7230, capacitor elements 7210 and 7240, and a resistor element 7250. The resistor element 7250 is a resistor with two terminals, in which one terminal of the resistor element is provided with input voltage V_{in} (hereinafter referred to as V_{in}) and the other terminal is provided with low potential voltage VSS (hereinafter referred to as VSS). The resistor element 7250 is provided to reduce the electric potential of the wiring to the VSS when the input terminal is not provided with the V_{in} . The resistance value of the resistor element is set sufficiently higher than the resistance of the wiring.

When the V_{in} is higher than high potential voltage VDD (hereinafter, referred to as VDD), the TFT 7122 is turned ON and the TFT 7123 is turned OFF in relation to the gate-source voltage. Accordingly, the VDD is supplied to the wiring through the TFT 7122. Therefore, voltage supplied to the wiring does not exceed the VDD even when the V_{in} exceeds the VDD due to noise and the like. On the other hand, when the V_{in} is lower than the VSS, the TFT 7122 is turned OFF and the TFT 7123 is turned ON in relation to the gate-source voltage. In this way, the VSS is supplied to the wiring. Therefore, the voltage supplied to the wiring does not exceed the VDD even when the V_{in} becomes lower than the VDD due to noise and the like. Furthermore, pulsed noise can be dulled in the voltage supplied from the input terminal by the capacitor elements 7121 and 7124; thus, a sudden change of voltage due to noise can be reduced to some extent.

Owing to the arrangement of the protection circuit having the above structure, the voltage of the wiring is held in a range of from the VSS to the VDD and is protected from application of excessively high or low voltage out of the range. Furthermore, the input terminal to which a signal is inputted is provided with the protection circuit; accordingly, voltage of all wirings provided with the signal can be kept at a constant level (at the VSS in this embodiment) when input of the signal is stopped. In other words, the protection circuit functions as a short ring which can make the wirings short

circuit one another when the signal is not inputted. Therefore, electrostatic damage due to difference in voltage between wirings can be prevented. In addition, when the signal is inputted, the signal supplied to the wiring is not dragged to the VSS since a resistance value of the resistor element 7250 is sufficiently high.

5 FIG. 25B shows an equivalent circuit diagram of a protection circuit in which the P-type TFTs 7122 and 7123 are replaced by diodes 7126 and 7127 having rectification. FIG. 26A shows an equivalent circuit diagram of a protection circuit in which the P-type TFT 7122 and 7123 are replaced by TFTs 7350, 7360, 7370, and 7380. A protection circuit, shown in FIG. 26B as a protection circuit having a different
10 structure from the above structures, includes resistor elements 7128 and 7129 and a transistor 7130. A protection circuit shown in FIG. 26C includes resistor elements 7280 and 7290, a P-type TFT 7310, and an N-type TFT 7320. In each structure of FIGS. 26B and 26C, a terminal 7330 is connected with a wiring or the like. When the electric potential of the wiring or the like is changed suddenly, the N-type TFT 7300, or
15 the P-type TFT 7310 and the N-type TFT 7320 is/are turned ON, so that electric current is flowed toward a terminal 7340 from the terminal 7330. Accordingly, sudden variation in the electric potential of the wiring or the like connected to the terminal 7330 can be alleviated, and damage or destruction of the element can be prevented. The element constituting the above protection circuit is preferably made of an amorphous
20 semiconductor which is superior in pressure tightness. This embodiment can be freely combined with the above embodiment mode.

[Embodiment 5]

 An EL TV set can be completed by using a light emitting display device formed according to the present invention. FIG. 21 is a block diagram showing a main
25 structure of the EL TV set. An EL display panel includes, as a structure as shown in FIG. 20, the case that a scanning line side driver circuit and a signal line side driver circuit are mounted on a pixel portion 751 and a periphery thereof by a COG method, that only a pixel portion is formed and a scanning line side driver circuit and a signal line side driver circuit are mounted by a TAB method, and that a TFT is formed using a
30 SAS, a pixel portion and a scanning line side driver circuit are integrally formed over a

substrate, and a signal line side driver circuit is separately mounted as a driver IC. Any mode may be employed.

Another external circuit may be composed of a video signal amplifier circuit 805 which amplifies a video signal among signals received by a tuner 804, a video
5 signal processing circuit which converts a signal to be outputted therefrom into a chrominance signal corresponding to each color of red, green, and blue, a control circuit 807 which converts the video signal into an input specification of a driver IC, and the like on an input side of a video signal. The control circuit 807 outputs a signal to both a scanning line side and a signal line side. In the case of digital driving, a signal
10 dividing circuit 808 may be provided on the signal line side, and an input digital signal may be divided into m parts and be supplied.

An audio signal among signals received by the tuner 804 is transmitted to an audio signal amplifier circuit 809 and is supplied to a speaker 813 through an audio signal processing circuit 810 to be outputted. A control circuit 811 receives control
15 information on a receiving station (receive frequency) or volume from an input portion 812 and transmits the signal to the tuner 804 and the audio signal processing circuit 810.

A TV set can be completed by incorporating an EL module including such external circuits into a chassis 2001 as shown in FIG. 19. A display screen is formed by using an EL display module, and a speaker, an operation switch, and the like may be
20 provided as an attachment. Thus, a TV set can be completed according to the present invention.

In addition, reflected light of light entering from outside may be blocked by using a wave plate and a polarizing plate. A quarter-wave plate\ a half-wave plate are used as the wave plate, and may be designed to be able to control light. A module has
25 a laminated structure of a TFT element substrate\ a light emitting element\ a sealing substrate (sealant)\ a wave plate (a quarter-wave plate\ a half-wave plate)\ a polarizing plate, and light emitted from a light emitting element passes therethrough and is emitted outside on a polarizing plate side. The wave plate and the polarizing plate may be provided on an emitted side of light. In the case of a dual emission light
30 emitting display device which emits light on both sides, the wave plate and the

polarizing plate can be provided on both sides. In addition, an anti-reflective film may be provided outside the polarizing plate. This makes it possible to display a high-definition precise image.

A display panel 2002 utilizing an EL element is incorporated in the chassis 2001. Not only can ordinary TV broadcasting be received by a receiver 2005, but also one-way information communication (from a transmitter to a receiver) or two-way information communication (between a transmitter and a receiver or between receivers) can be achieved by connecting to a communication network with or without a wire through a modem 2004. The TV set can be operated by a switch incorporated in the chassis or a separately-provided remote control unit 2006, and a display portion 2007 showing information to be outputted may be included in the remote control unit.

Further, also the TV set may be made to have a structure which displays channels or volume by forming a sub screen 2008 using a second display panel as well as a main screen 2003. The main screen 2003 and the sub screen 2008 may be formed by using an EL display panel. Alternatively, the main screen 2003 may be formed by using an EL display panel having an excellent viewing angle and the sub screen 2008 may be formed by using a liquid crystal display panel capable of displaying at low power consumption in the above structure. Further, in the case of putting priority on the low power consumption, the main screen 2003 may be formed by using a liquid crystal display panel, the sub screen 2008 may be formed by using an EL display panel, and then, the sub screen can be turned on and off. A highly reliable light emitting display device can be formed by applying the present invention even when such a large-sized substrate is used, and thus, a large number of TFT or electronic parts are used.

Of course, the present invention is not limited to a TV set and can be applied to various uses particularly as a large-area display medium such as an information display board in a train station, an airport, or the like, or an advertisement display board in the street as well as a monitor of a personal computer.

[Embodiment 6]

Various light emitting display devices can be manufactured by applying the

present invention. That is to say, the present invention can be applied to various electronic devices in which the light emitting display devices are incorporated in a display portion.

Such electronic devices can be given as follows: a video camera; a digital
5 camera; a projector; a head mounted display (a goggle type display); a car navigation system; a car stereo; a personal computer; a gaming machine; a personal digital assistance (a mobile computer, a cellular phone, an electronic book, or the like); an image reproducing device including a recording medium (specifically, a device capable of processing data in a recording medium such as a Digital Versatile Disc (DVD) and
10 having a display that can display the image of the data); and the like. Examples thereof are shown in FIGS. 18A to 18C and FIGS. 27A to 27B.

FIG. 18A shows a laptop personal computer, which includes a main body 2101, a chassis 2102, a display portion 2103, a keyboard 2104, an external connection port 2105, a pointing mouse 2106, and the like. The present invention is applied to
15 manufacturing of the display portion 2103. When the present invention is applied, a highly reliable high-quality image can be displayed even if the laptop personal computer is miniaturized and a wiring or the like becomes precise.

FIG. 18B shows an image reproducing device including a recording medium (specifically, a DVD reproducing device), which includes a main body 2201, a chassis
20 2202, a display portion A 2203, a display portion B 2204, a recording medium (a DVD or the like) reading portion 2205, an operation key 2206, a speaker portion 2207, and the like. The display portion A 2203 mainly displays image information, and the display portion B 2204 mainly displays character information. The present invention is applied to manufacturing of the display portion A 2203 and the display portion B
25 2204. When the present invention is applied, a highly reliable high-quality image can be displayed even if the image reproducing device is miniaturized and a wiring or the like becomes precise.

FIG. 18C shows a cellular phone, which includes a main body 2301, an audio output portion 2302, an audio input portion 2303, a display portion 2304, an operation
30 switch 2305, an antenna 2306, and the like. A highly reliable high-quality image can

be displayed even in a cellular phone which is miniaturized and in which a wiring or the like becomes precise by applying the light emitting display device manufactured according to the present invention to the display portion 2304.

FIG. 27A shows a video camera, which includes a main body 2401, a display
5 portion 2402, a chassis 2403, an external connection port 2404, a remote control receiving portion 2405, an image receiving portion 2406, a battery 2407, an audio input portion 2408, an operation key 2409, and the like. The present invention can be applied to the display portion 2402, which is a dual emission light emitting display device. FIGS. 27A and 27B show an image displayed in the display portion 2402.
10 FIG. 27A shows an image being shot, and FIG. 27 B shows an image which can be seen from a vehicle being shot. Since the light emitting display device of the present invention is a transmissive type and an image can be displayed on both sides, the image being shot can be seen from a subject side. Therefore, it is convenient to shoot oneself. In addition, the present invention can be applied to a digital video camera or the like in addition to a video camera, and a similar effect can be obtained. A highly reliable
15 high-quality image can be displayed even in a video camera which is miniaturized and in which a wiring or the like becomes precise by applying the light emitting display device manufactured according to the present invention to the display portion 2402. This embodiment can be freely combined with the above embodiment mode and
20 embodiment.

[Embodiment 7]

An effect of adhesion improvement by base pretreatment of the present invention was evaluated by experiment.

TiO_x was formed by spraying, and a composition including silver as a
25 conductive material was discharged and was baked at a temperature of 230 °C. Sixteen silver wirings were formed to have a length of 1 cm, a width of from 200 μm to 300 μm, and a height of from 4000 Å to 5000 Å. As a result of performing a tensile test using Kapton tape on the formed silver wirings, the silver wirings did not peel. In addition, as a result of soaking in an HF solution of 0.5 wt% for one minute and
30 washing with running water, none of the sixteen silver wirings peeled. Therefore, it

was confirmed that adhesion was improved by base pretreatment of forming a TiO_x film having a photocatalytic effect.

A Ti thin film was formed by a sputtering method to be from 10 Å to 50 Å. A composition including silver as a conductive material was similarly discharged onto the TiO_x thin film having been formed by baking at 230 °C and was baked again at 230 °C. Accordingly, sixteen silver wirings were formed to have a length of 1 cm, a width of from 200 μm to 300 μm, and a height of from 4000 Å to 5000 Å. It was confirmed that the formed TiO_x thin film had a sheet resistance of $1 \times 10^6 (\Omega/\text{cm}^2)$ or more and was insulative. As a result of performing a tensile test using Kapton tape on the formed silver wirings, the silver wirings did not peel. In addition, as a result of soaking in an HF solution of 0.5 wt% for one minute and washing with running water, none of the sixteen silver wirings peeled. Therefore, it was confirmed that adhesion was improved by base pretreatment of forming the TiO_x film of the present invention.

As a comparative example, the above-described treatment using the HF solution was performed on silver wirings formed in a region where such base pretreatment have not been performed. As a result, the silver wirings peeled and only about several wirings remained.

Therefore, base pretreatment of the present invention can improve adhesion and can provide a highly reliable light emitting display device.

CLAIMS

1. A light emitting display device comprising:
a gate electrode provided formed over a substrate having an insulating surface
5 with a substance having a photocatalytic function therebetween;
a gate insulating layer formed over the gate electrode;
a semiconductor layer and a first electrode formed over the gate insulating
layer;
a wiring layer formed over the semiconductor layer;
10 a partition wall covering an edge portion of the first electrode and the wiring
layer;
an electroluminescent layer over the first electrode; and
a second electrode over the electroluminescent layer,
wherein the wiring layer covers the edge portion of the first electrode.
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2. A light emitting display device comprising:
a wiring layer and a first electrode formed over a substrate having an insulating
surface with a substance having a photocatalytic function therebetween;
a semiconductor layer formed over the wiring layer;
20 a gate insulating layer formed over the semiconductor layer;
a gate electrode formed over the gate insulating layer;
a partition wall covering an edge portion of the first electrode and the wiring
layer;
an electroluminescent layer over the first electrode; and
25 a second electrode over the electroluminescent layer,
wherein the wiring layer covers the edge portion of the first electrode.
3. A light emitting display device comprising:
a gate electrode formed over a substrate having an insulating surface with a
30 substance having a photocatalytic function therebetween;

a gate insulating layer formed over the gate electrode;
a semiconductor layer and a first electrode formed over the gate insulating layer;
a wiring layer formed over the semiconductor layer;
5 a partition wall covering an edge portion of the first electrode and the wiring layer;
an electroluminescent layer over the first electrode; and
a second electrode over the electroluminescent layer,
wherein the first electrode covers an edge portion of the wiring layer.

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4. A light emitting display device comprising:

a wiring layer and a first electrode formed over a substrate having an insulating surface with a substance having a photocatalytic function therebetween;
a semiconductor layer formed over the wiring layer;
15 a gate insulating layer formed over the semiconductor layer;
a gate electrode formed over the gate insulating layer;
a partition wall covering an edge portion of the first electrode and the wiring layer;
an electroluminescent layer over the first electrode; and
20 a second electrode over the electroluminescent layer,
wherein the first electrode covers an edge portion of the wiring layer.

5. A light emitting display device according to any one of claims 1 to 4,
wherein the substance having a photocatalytic function comprises titanium oxide.

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6. A light emitting display device comprising:

a conductive layer including a refractory metal over a substrate having an insulating surface;
a gate electrode formed over the conductive layer;
30 a gate insulating layer formed over the gate electrode;

a semiconductor layer and a first electrode formed over the gate insulating layer;

a wiring layer formed over the semiconductor layer;

5 a partition wall covering an edge portion of the first electrode and the wiring layer;

an electroluminescent layer over the first electrode; and

a second electrode over the electroluminescent layer,

wherein the wiring layer covers the edge portion of the first electrode.

10 7. A light emitting display device comprising:

a conductive layer including a refractory metal over a substrate having an insulating surface;

a wiring layer and a first electrode formed over the conductive layer;

a semiconductor layer formed over the wiring layer;

15 a gate insulating layer formed over the semiconductor layer;

a gate electrode formed over the gate insulating layer;

a partition wall covering an edge portion of the first electrode and the wiring layer;

an electroluminescent layer over the first electrode; and

20 a second electrode over the electroluminescent layer,

wherein the wiring layer covers the edge portion of the first electrode.

8. A light emitting display device comprising:

25 a conductive layer including a refractory metal over a substrate having an insulating surface;

a gate electrode formed over the conductive layer;

a gate insulating layer formed over the gate electrode;

a semiconductor layer and a first electrode formed over the gate insulating layer;

30 a wiring layer formed over the semiconductor layer;

a partition wall covering an edge portion of the first electrode and the wiring layer;

an electroluminescent layer over the first electrode; and

a second electrode over the electroluminescent layer,

5 wherein the first electrode covers an edge portion of the wiring layer.

9. A light emitting display device comprising:

a conductive layer including a refractory metal over a substrate having an insulating surface;

10 a wiring layer and a first electrode formed over the conductive layer;

a semiconductor layer formed over the wiring layer;

a gate insulating layer formed over the semiconductor layer;

a gate electrode formed over the gate insulating layer;

15 a partition wall covering an edge portion of the first electrode and the wiring layer;

an electroluminescent layer over the first electrode; and

a second electrode over the electroluminescent layer,

wherein the first electrode covers an edge portion of the wiring layer.

20 10. A light emitting display device according to any one of claims 6 to 9, wherein the refractory metal is selected from the group consisting of Ti (titanium), W (tungsten), Cr (chromium), Al (aluminum), Ta (tantalum), Ni (nickel), Zr (zirconium), Hf (hafnium), V (vanadium), Ir (iridium), Nb (niobium), Pd (lead), Pt (platinum), Mo (molybdenum), Co (cobalt), and Rh (rhodium).

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11. A light emitting display device according to any one of claims 1-4 and 6-9, wherein the gate electrode and the wiring layer are made of a material selected from the group consisting of silver, gold, copper, and indium tin oxide.

30 12. A light emitting display device according to any one of claims 1-4 and

6-9, wherein the semiconductor layer is a semi-amorphous semiconductor containing hydrogen and halogen and having a crystal structure.

13. A TV set including a display screen having the light emitting display
5 device according to any one of claims 1-4 and 6-9.

14. A method for manufacturing a light emitting display device, comprising:
forming a gate electrode over a substrate having an insulating surface with a
substance having a photocatalytic function therebetween by a droplet discharge method;
10 forming a gate insulating layer over the gate electrode;
forming a semiconductor layer over the gate insulating layer;
forming a first electrode over the gate insulating layer by a droplet discharge
method;
forming a wiring layer over the semiconductor layer by a droplet discharge
15 method to cover an edge of the first electrode;
forming a partition wall to cover the edge portion of the first electrode and the
wiring layer;
forming an electroluminescent layer over the first electrode; and
forming a second electrode over the electroluminescent layer by a droplet
20 discharge method.

15. A method for manufacturing a light emitting display device, comprising:
forming a first electrode over a substrate having an insulating surface with a
substance having a photocatalytic function therebetween by a droplet discharge method;
25 forming a wiring layer over the substrate having an insulating surface with a
substance having a photocatalytic function therebetween to cover an edge portion of the
first electrode;
forming a semiconductor layer over the wiring layer;
forming a gate insulating layer over the semiconductor layer;
30 forming a gate electrode over the gate insulating layer by a droplet discharge

method;

forming a partition wall to cover the edge portion of the first electrode and the wiring layer;

forming an electroluminescent layer over the first electrode; and

5 forming a second electrode over the electroluminescent layer by a droplet discharge method.

16. A method for manufacturing a light emitting display device, comprising:

10 forming a gate electrode over a substrate having an insulating surface with a substance having a photocatalytic function therebetween by a droplet discharge method;

forming a gate insulating layer over the gate electrode;

forming a semiconductor layer over the gate insulating layer;

forming a wiring layer over the semiconductor layer by a droplet discharge method;

15 forming a first electrode over the gate insulating layer by a droplet discharge method to cover an edge portion of the wiring layer;

forming a partition wall to cover an edge portion of the first electrode and the wiring layer;

forming an electroluminescent layer over the first electrode; and

20 forming a second electrode over the electroluminescent layer by a droplet discharge method.

17. A method for manufacturing a light emitting display device, comprising:

25 forming a wiring layer over a substrate having an insulating surface with a substance having a photocatalytic function therebetween by a droplet discharge method;

forming a first electrode over the substrate having an insulating surface with a substance having a photocatalytic function therebetween by a droplet discharge method to cover an edge portion of the wiring layer;

forming a semiconductor layer over the wiring layer;

30 forming a gate insulating layer over the semiconductor layer;

forming a gate electrode over the gate insulating layer by a droplet discharge method;

forming a partition wall to cover an edge portion of the first electrode and the wiring layer;

5 forming an electroluminescent layer over the first electrode; and

forming a second electrode over the electroluminescent layer by a droplet discharge method.

18. A method for manufacturing a light emitting display device according to
10 any one of claims 14 to 17, wherein titanium oxide is used as the substance having a photocatalytic function.

19. A method for manufacturing a light emitting display device, comprising:
forming a conductive layer including a refractory metal over a substrate having
15 an insulating surface;

forming a gate electrode over the conductive layer by a droplet discharge method;

forming a gate insulating layer over the gate electrode;

forming a semiconductor layer over the gate insulating layer;

20 forming a first electrode over the gate insulating layer by a droplet discharge method;

forming a wiring layer over the semiconductor layer by a droplet discharge method to cover an edge portion of the first electrode;

forming a partition wall to cover the edge portion of the first electrode and the
25 wiring layer;

forming an electroluminescent layer over the first electrode; and

forming a second electrode over the electroluminescent layer by a droplet discharge method.

20. A method for manufacturing a light emitting display device, comprising:
forming a conductive layer including a refractory metal over a substrate having
an insulating surface;
forming a first electrode over the conductive layer by a droplet discharge
5 method;
forming a wiring layer over the conductive layer by a droplet discharge method
to cover an edge portion of the first electrode;
forming a semiconductor layer over the wiring layer;
forming a gate insulating layer over the semiconductor layer;
10 forming a gate electrode over the gate insulating layer by a droplet discharge
method;
forming a partition wall to cover the edge portion of the first electrode and the
wiring layer;
forming an electroluminescent layer over the first electrode; and
15 forming a second electrode over the electroluminescent layer by a droplet
discharge method.

21. A method for manufacturing a light emitting display device, comprising:
forming a conductive layer including a refractory metal over a substrate having
20 an insulating surface;
forming a gate electrode over the conductive layer by a droplet discharge
method;
forming a gate insulating layer over the gate electrode;
forming a semiconductor layer over the gate insulating layer;
25 forming a wiring layer over the semiconductor layer by a droplet discharge
method;
forming a first electrode over the gate insulating layer by a droplet discharge
method to cover an edge portion of the wiring layer;
forming a partition wall to cover an edge portion of the first electrode and the
30 wiring layer;

forming an electroluminescent layer over the first electrode; and
forming a second electrode over the electroluminescent layer by a droplet discharge method.

- 5 22. A method for manufacturing a light emitting display device, comprising:
 forming a conductive layer including a refractory metal over a substrate having
 an insulating surface;
 forming a wiring layer over the conductive layer by a droplet discharge
 method;
10 forming a first electrode over the conductive layer by a droplet discharge
 method to cover an edge portion of the wiring layer;
 forming a semiconductor layer over the wiring layer;
 forming a gate insulating layer over the semiconductor layer;
 forming a gate electrode over the gate insulating layer by a droplet discharge
15 method;
 forming a partition wall to cover an edge portion of the first electrode and the
 wiring layer;
 forming an electroluminescent layer over the first electrode; and
 forming a second electrode over the electroluminescent layer by a droplet
20 discharge method.

23. A method for manufacturing a light emitting display device according to
 any one of claims 19 to 22, wherein the refractory metal is selected from the group
 consisting of Ti (titanium), W (tungsten), Cr (chromium), Al (aluminum), Ta (tantalum),
25 Ni (nickel), Zr (zirconium), Hf (hafnium), V (vanadium), Ir (iridium), Nb (niobium), Pd
 (lead), Pt (platinum), Mo (molybdenum), Co (cobalt), and Rh (rhodium).

24. A method for manufacturing a light emitting display device according to
 any one of claims 14 to 22, wherein the gate electrode and the wiring layer are formed
30 by using a material selected from the group consisting of silver, gold, copper, and

indium tin oxide.

25. A method for manufacturing a light emitting display device according to any one of claims 14 to 22, wherein the semiconductor layer is formed by using a
5 semi-amorphous semiconductor containing hydrogen and halogen and having a crystal structure.

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FIG.1A

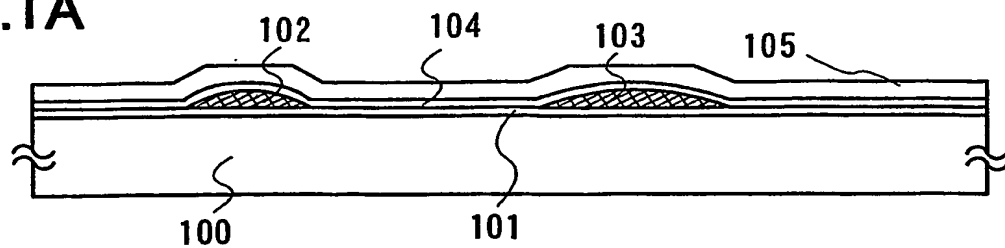


FIG.1B

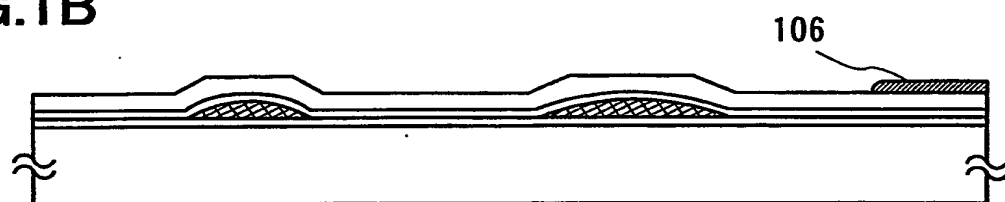


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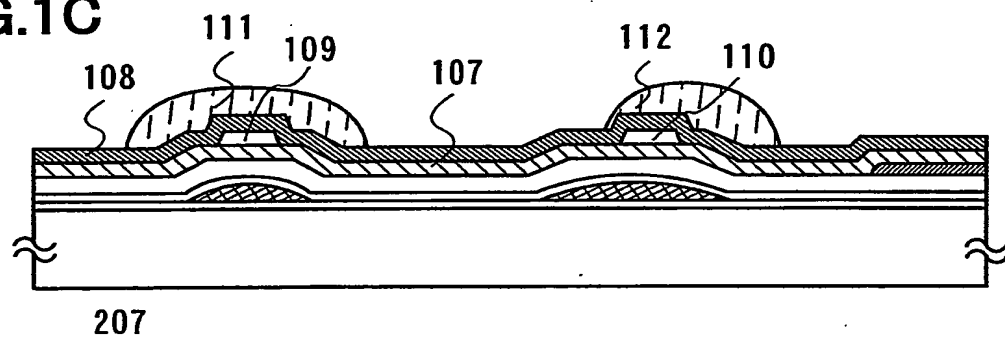
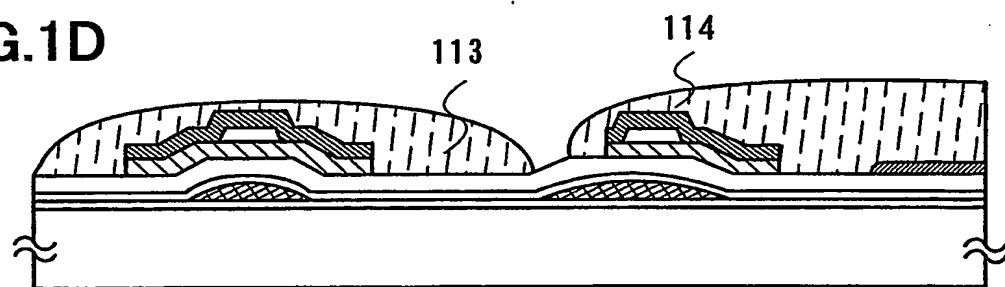


FIG.1D



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FIG.2A

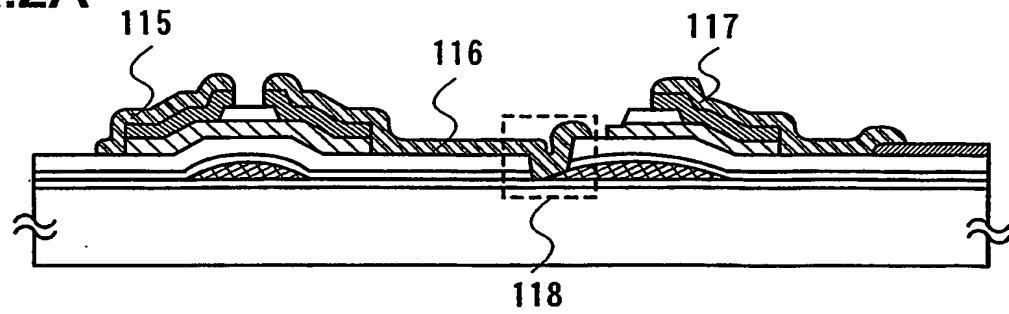
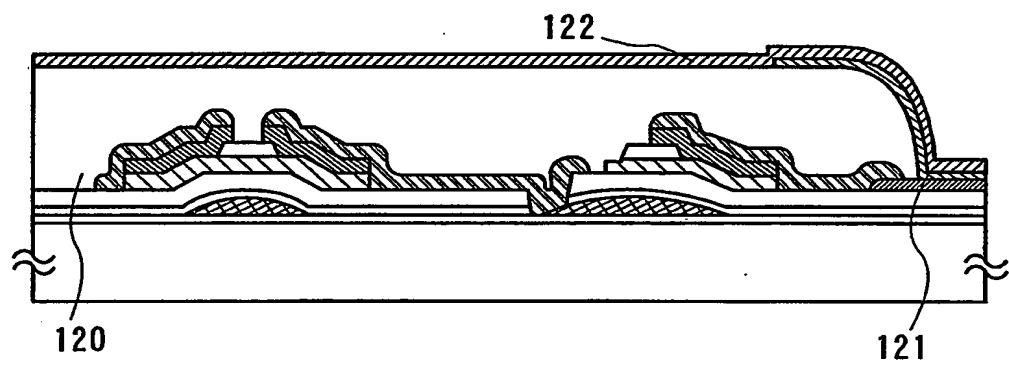


FIG.2B



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FIG.3A

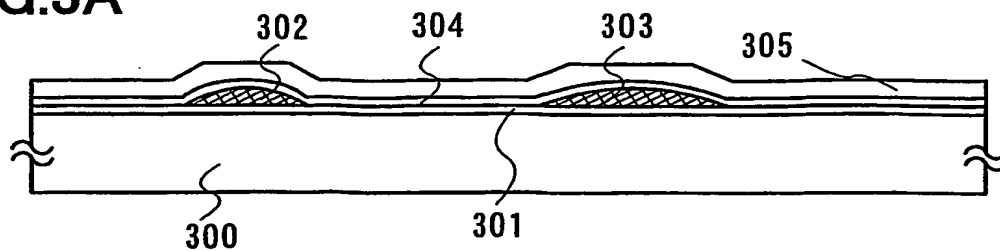


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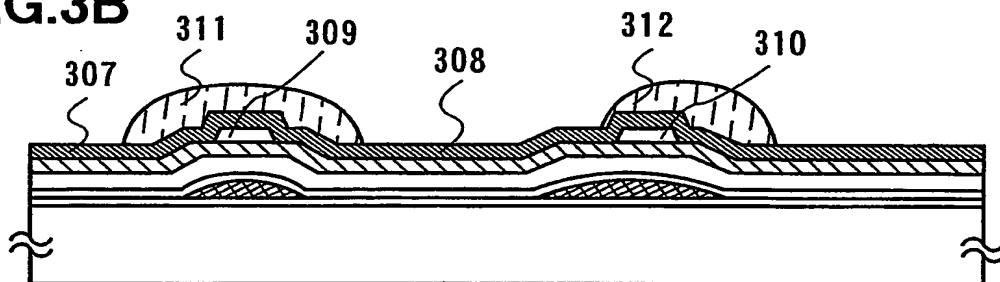


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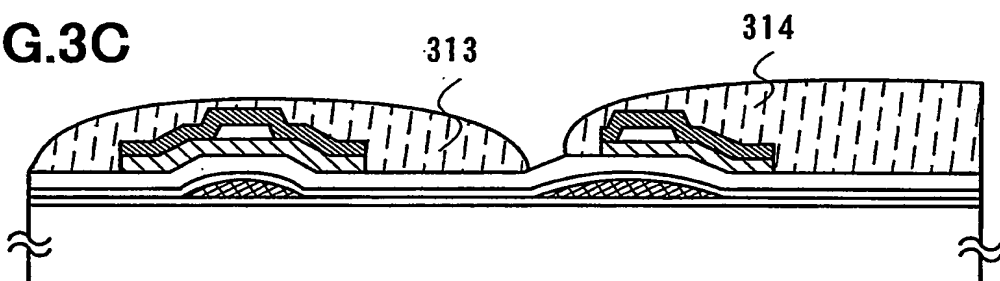
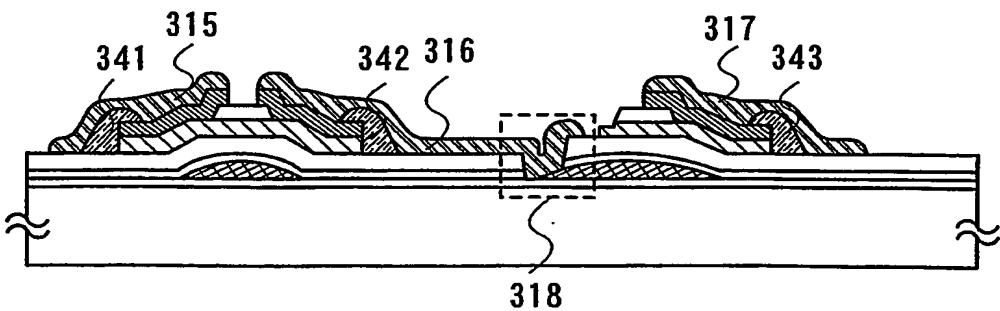


FIG.3D



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FIG.4A

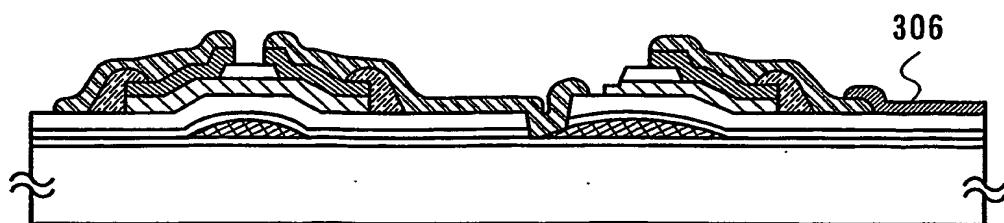
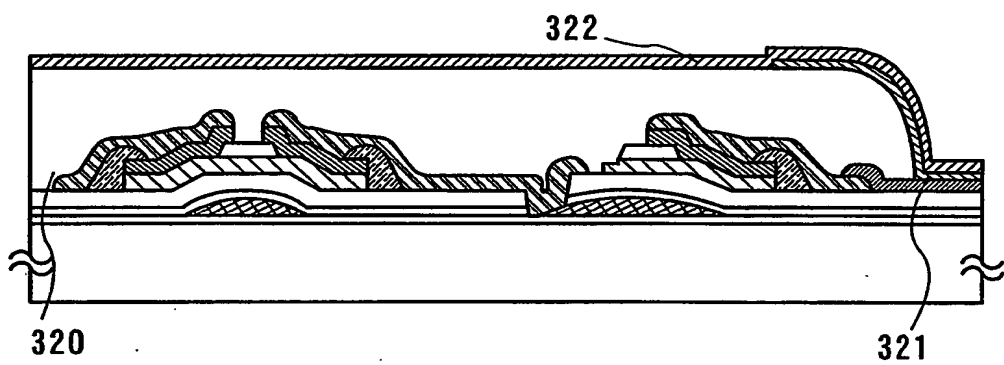


FIG.4B



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FIG.5A

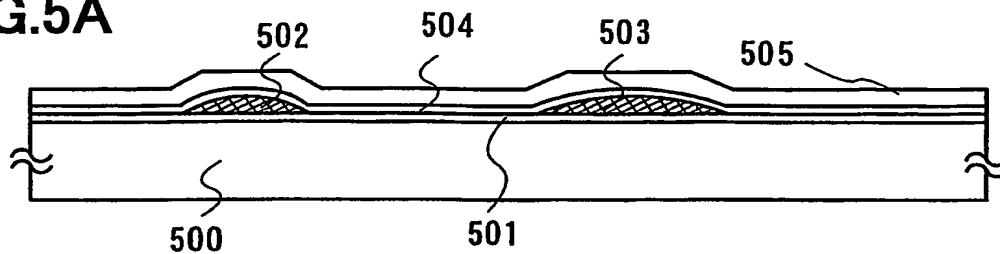


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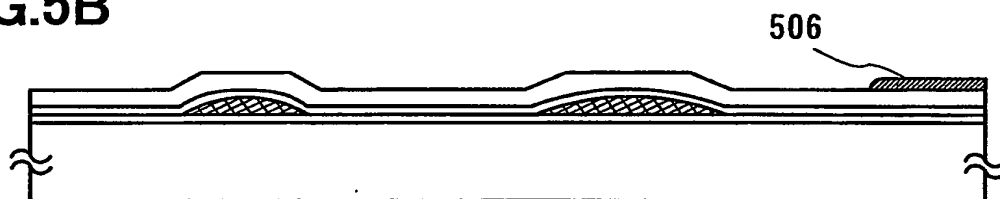


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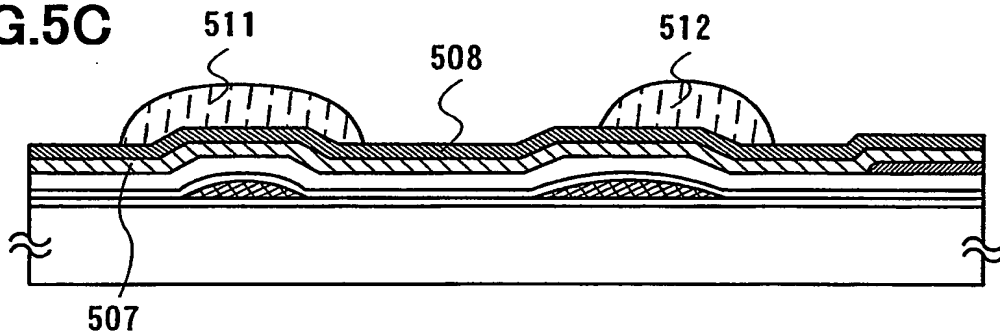
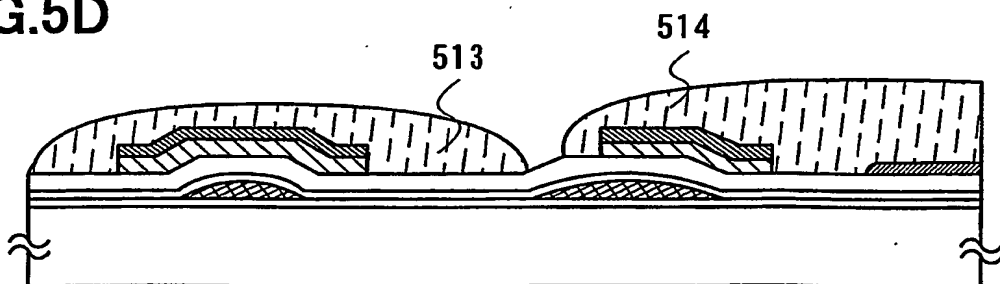


FIG.5D



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FIG.6A

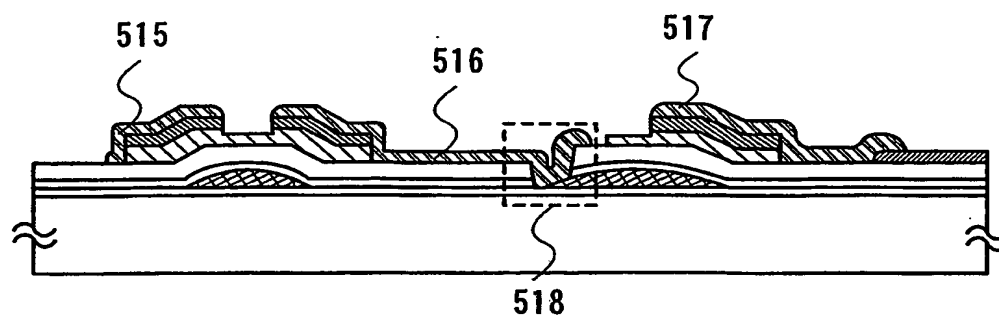
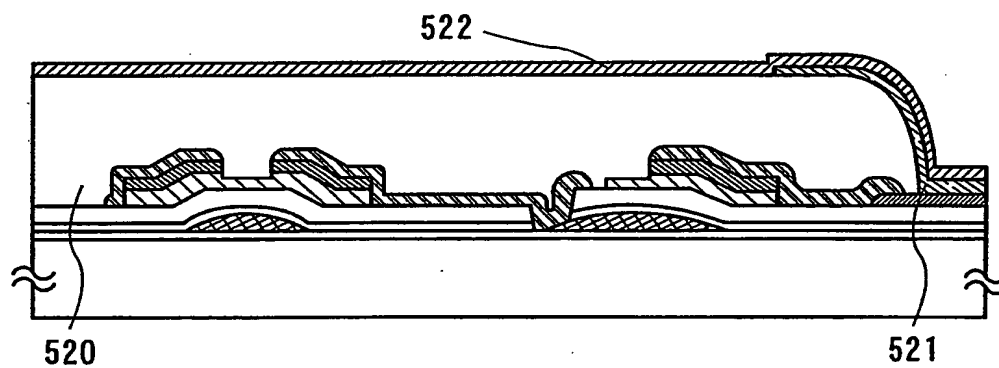
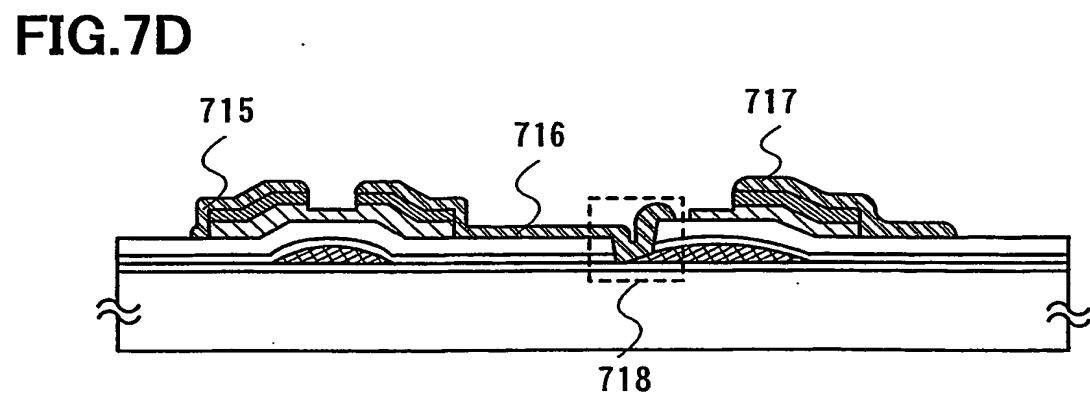
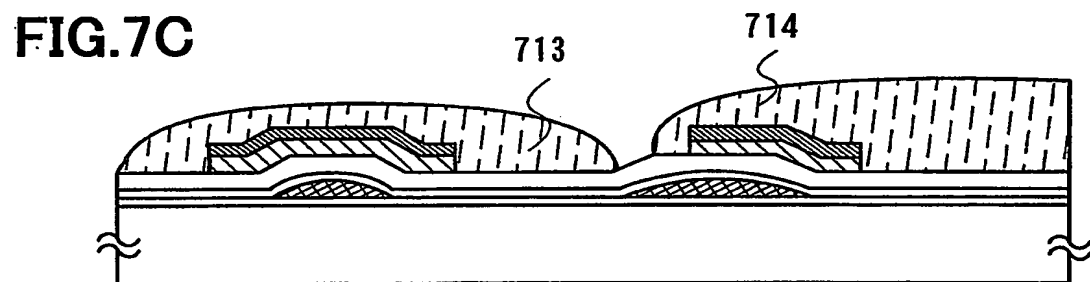
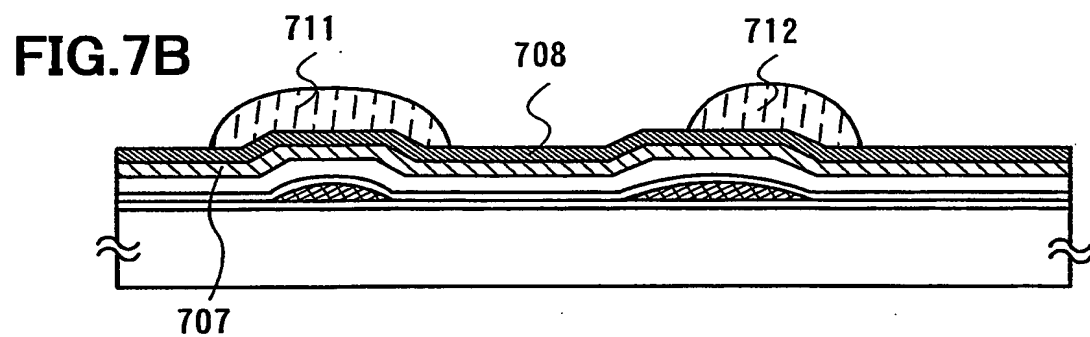
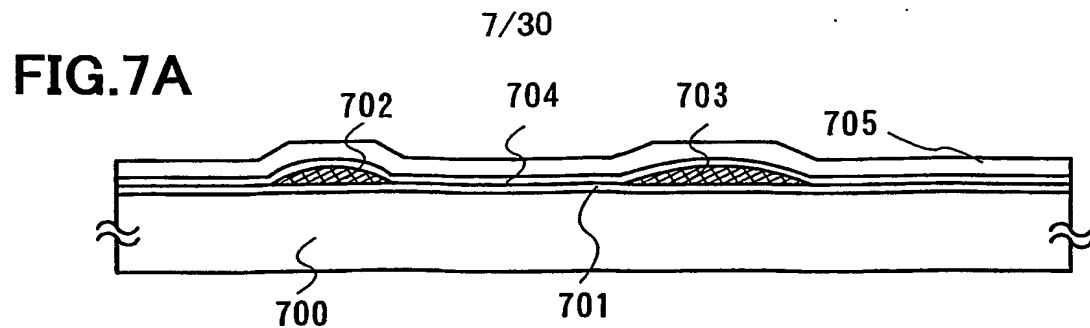


FIG.6B





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FIG.8A

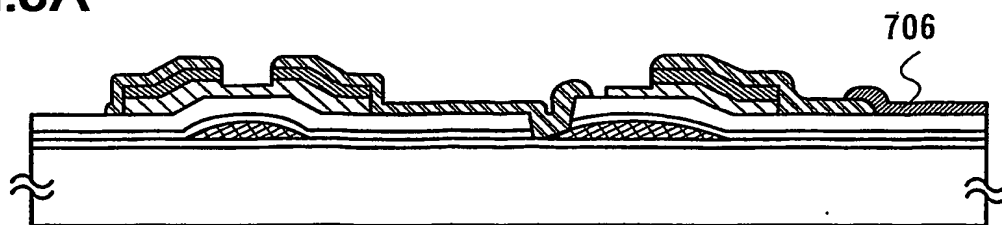
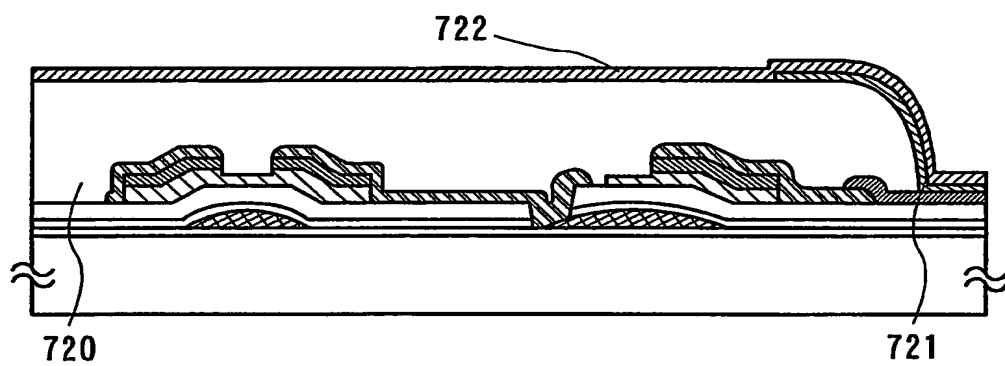
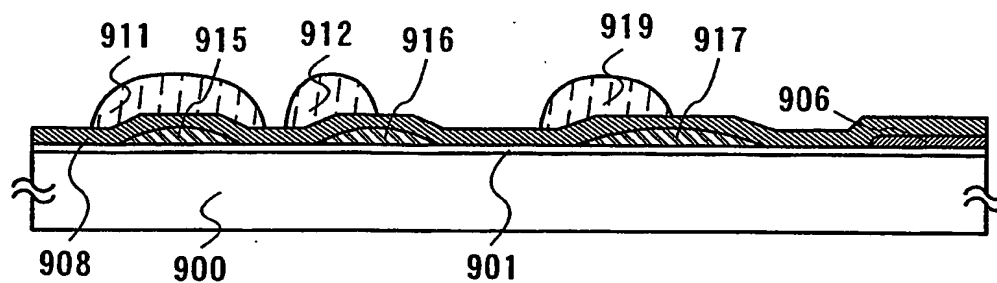
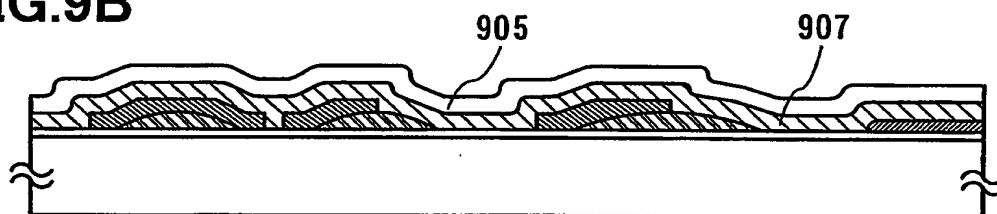
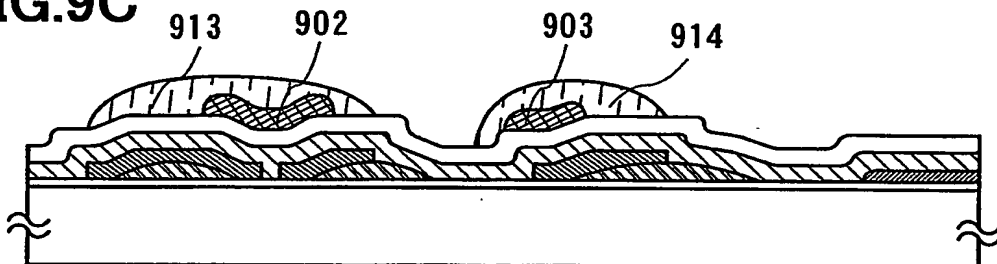
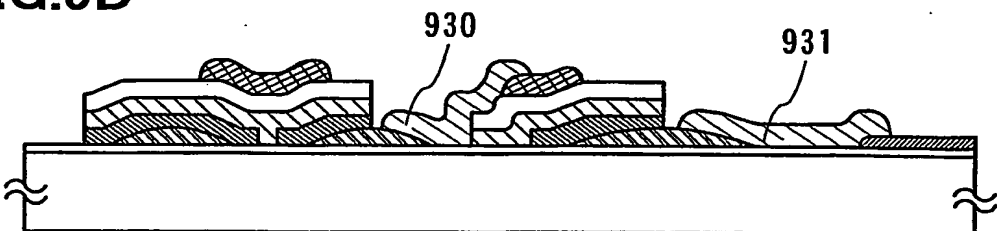


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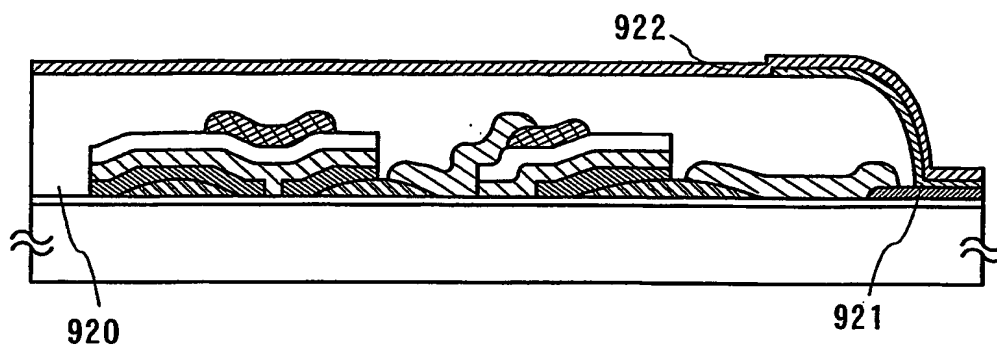


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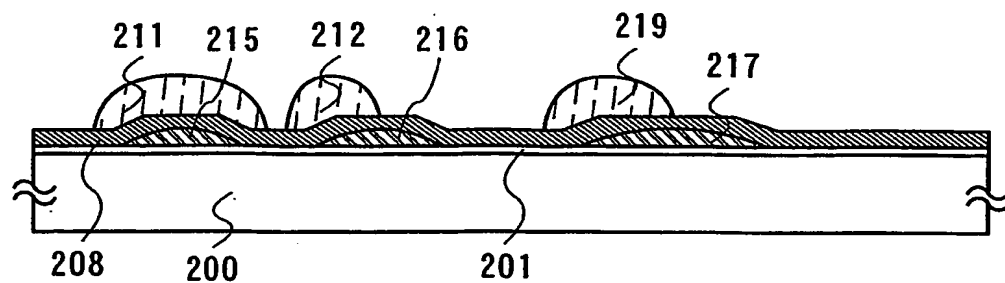
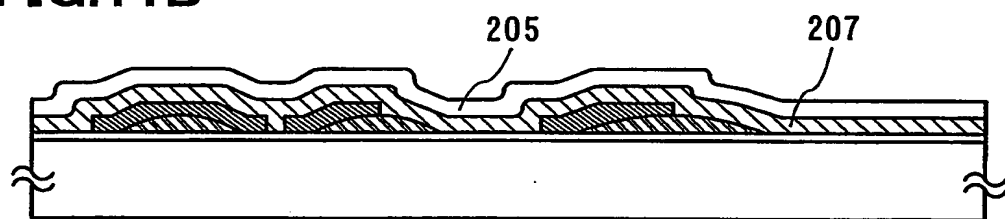
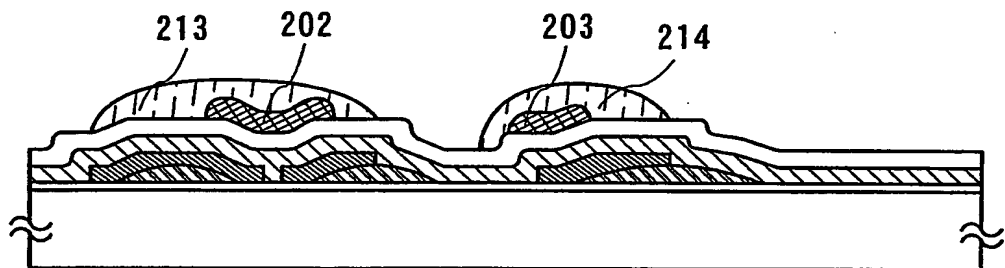
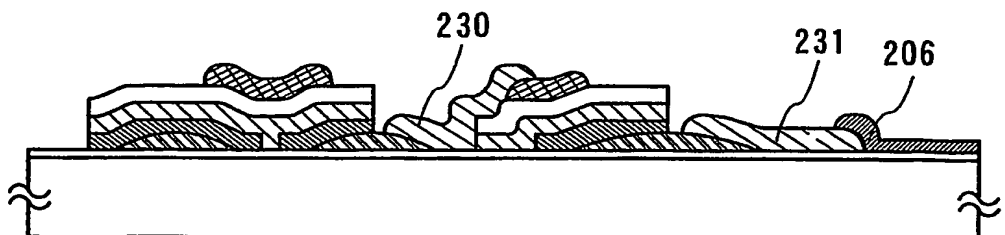
FIG.9A**FIG.9B****FIG.9C****FIG.9D**

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FIG. 10

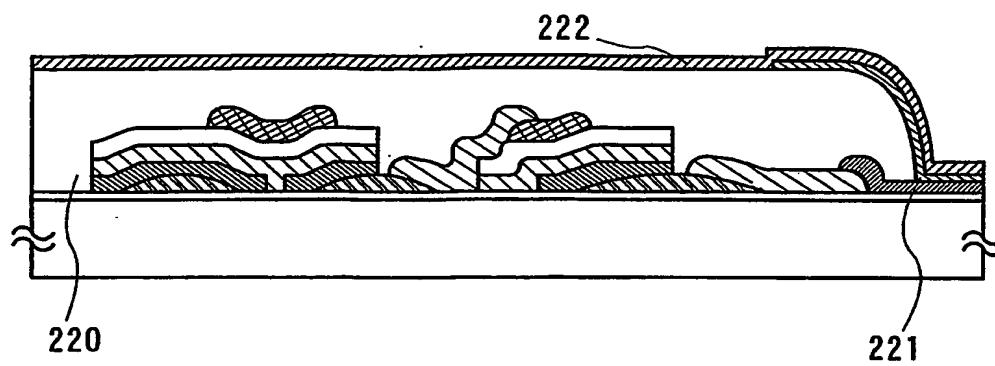


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FIG.11A**FIG.11B****FIG.11C****FIG.11D**

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FIG.12



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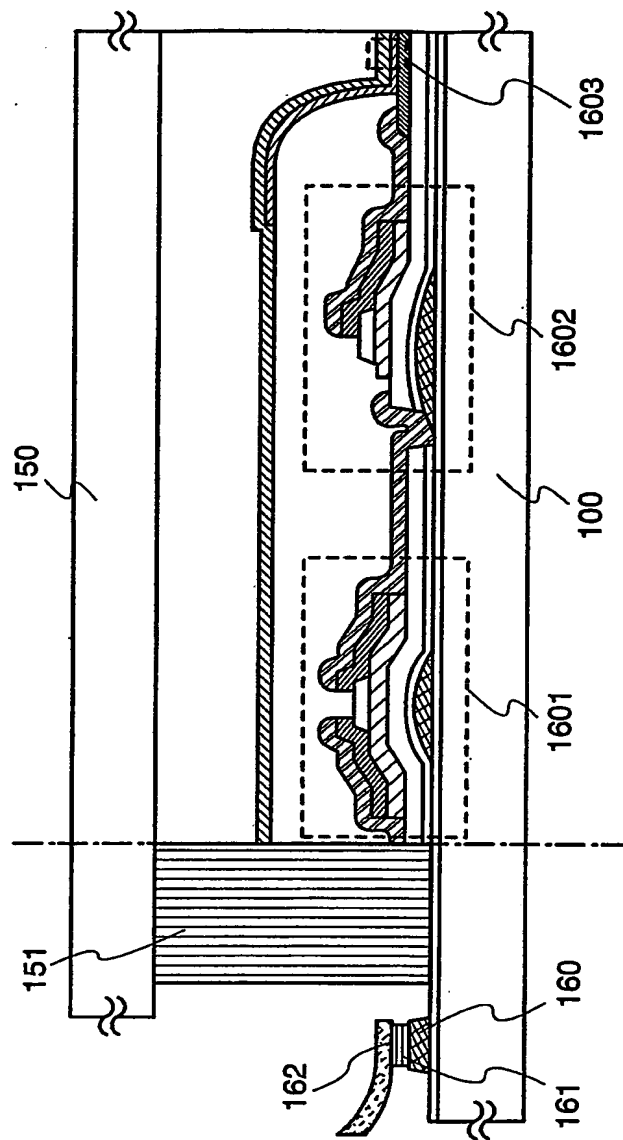


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FIG.14A

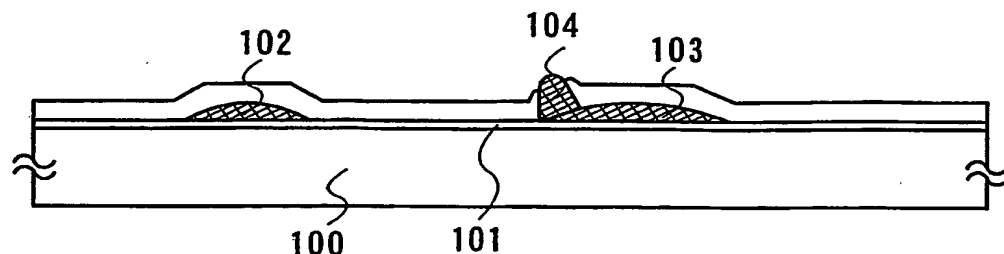


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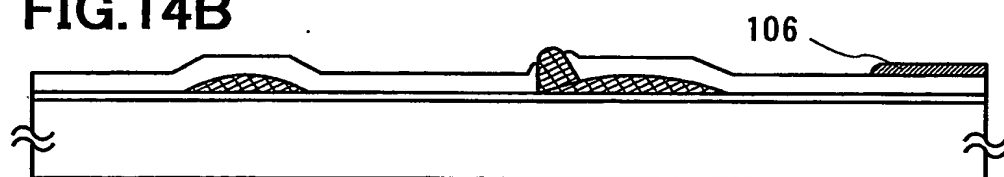


FIG.14C

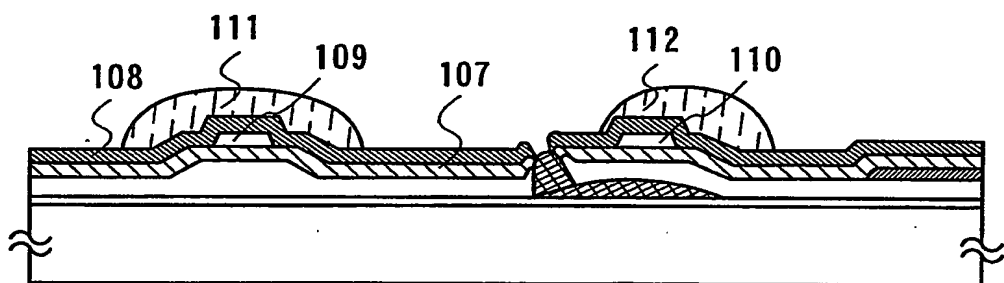
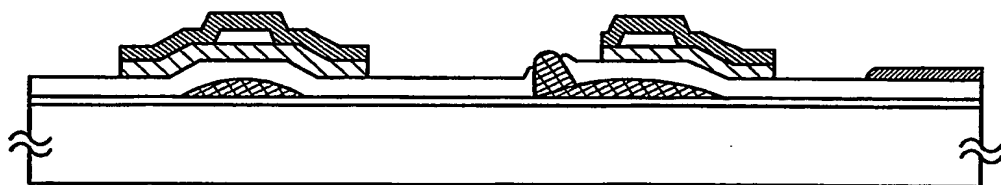


FIG.14D



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FIG.15A

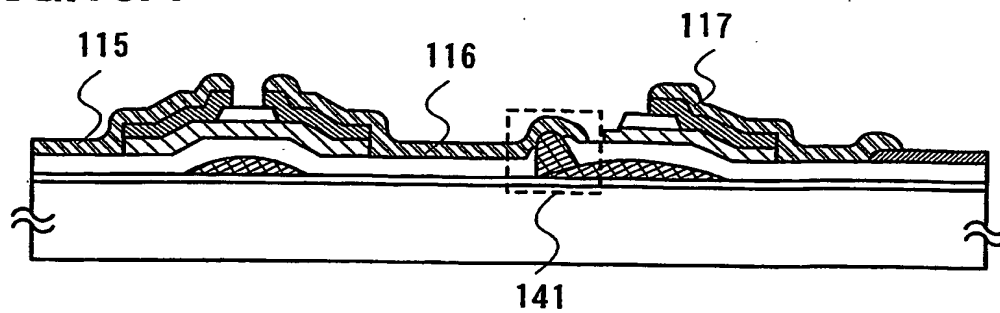
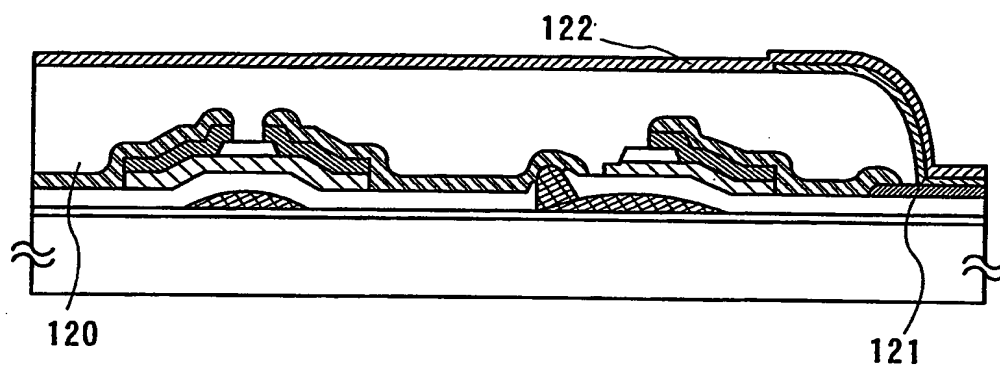


FIG.15B



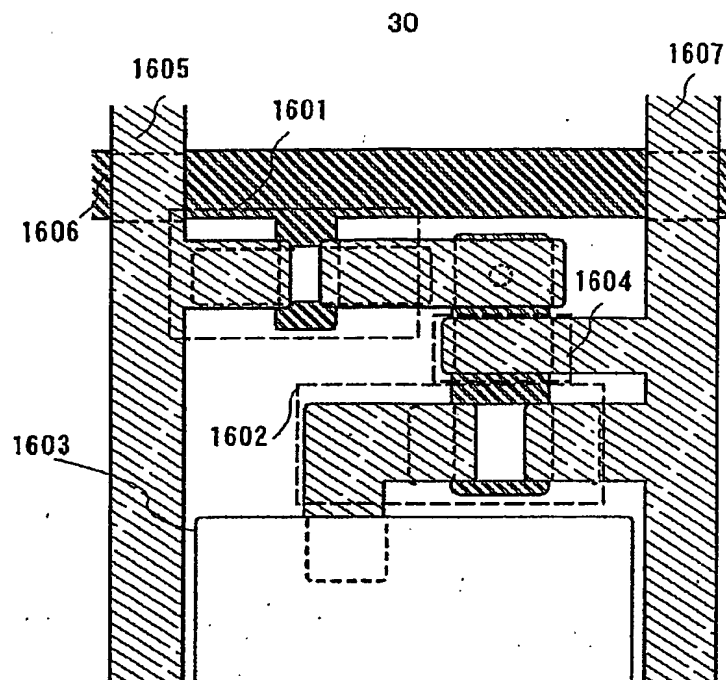


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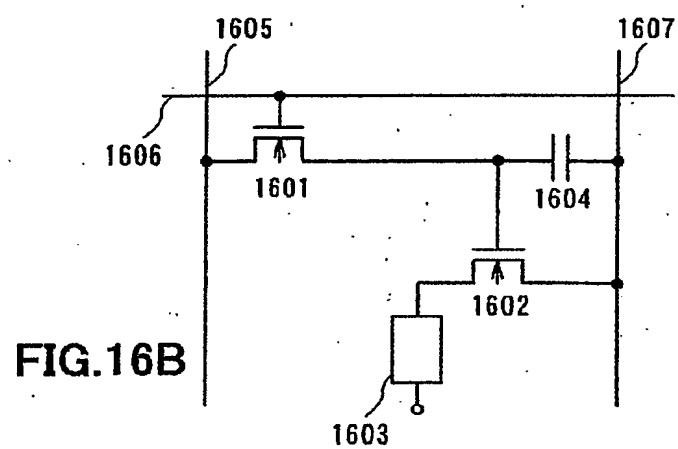
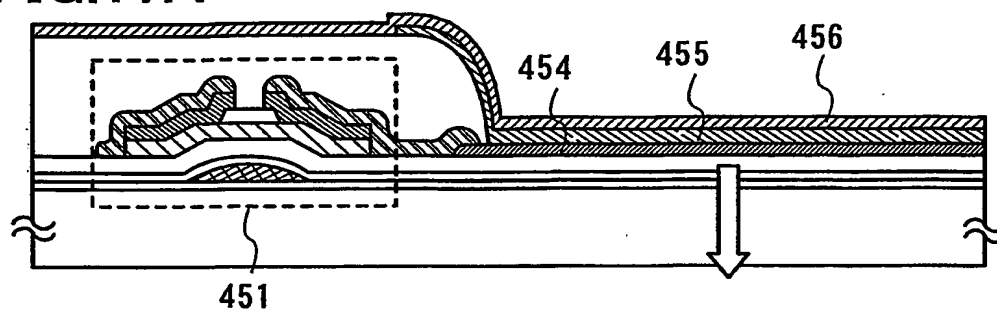
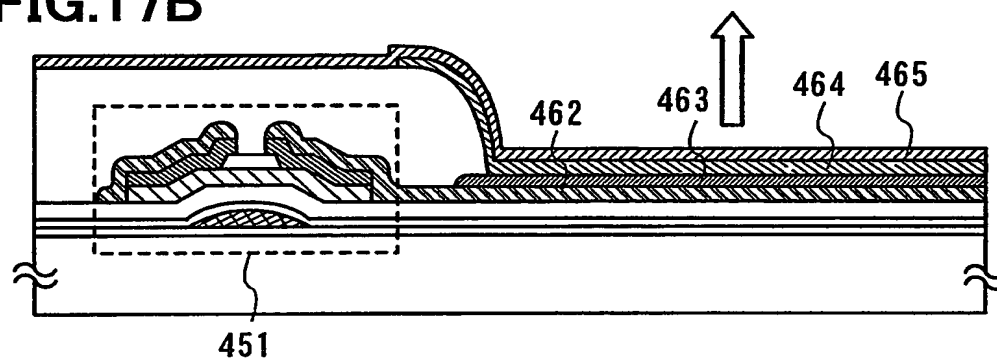
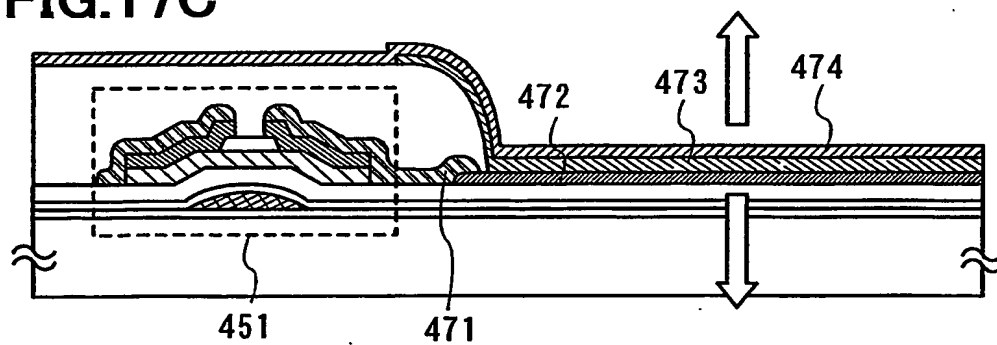


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FIG.17A**FIG.17B****FIG.17C**

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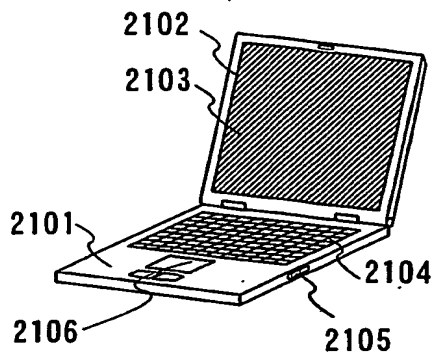


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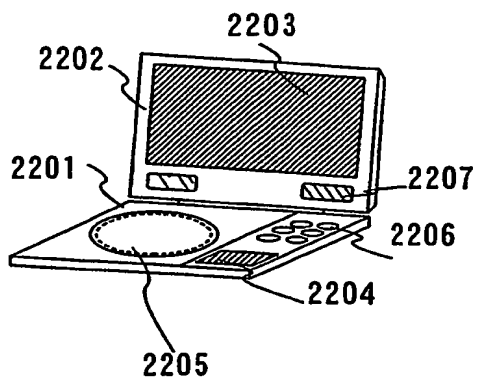


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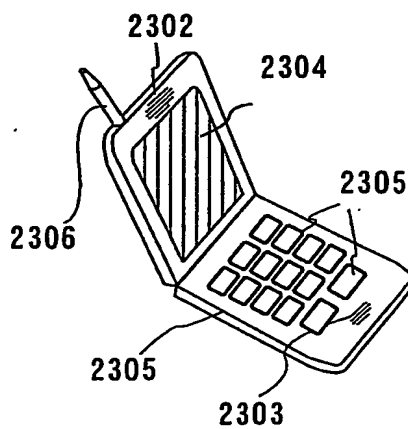


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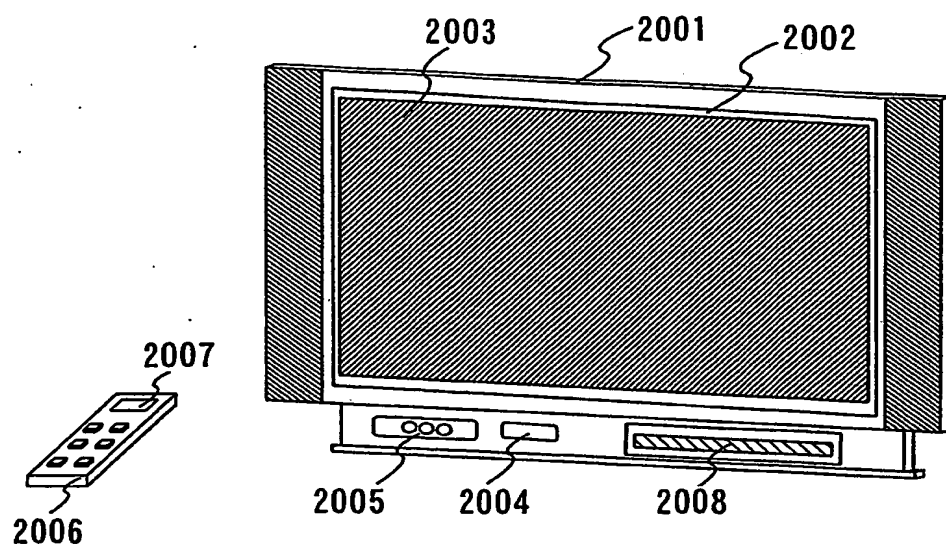
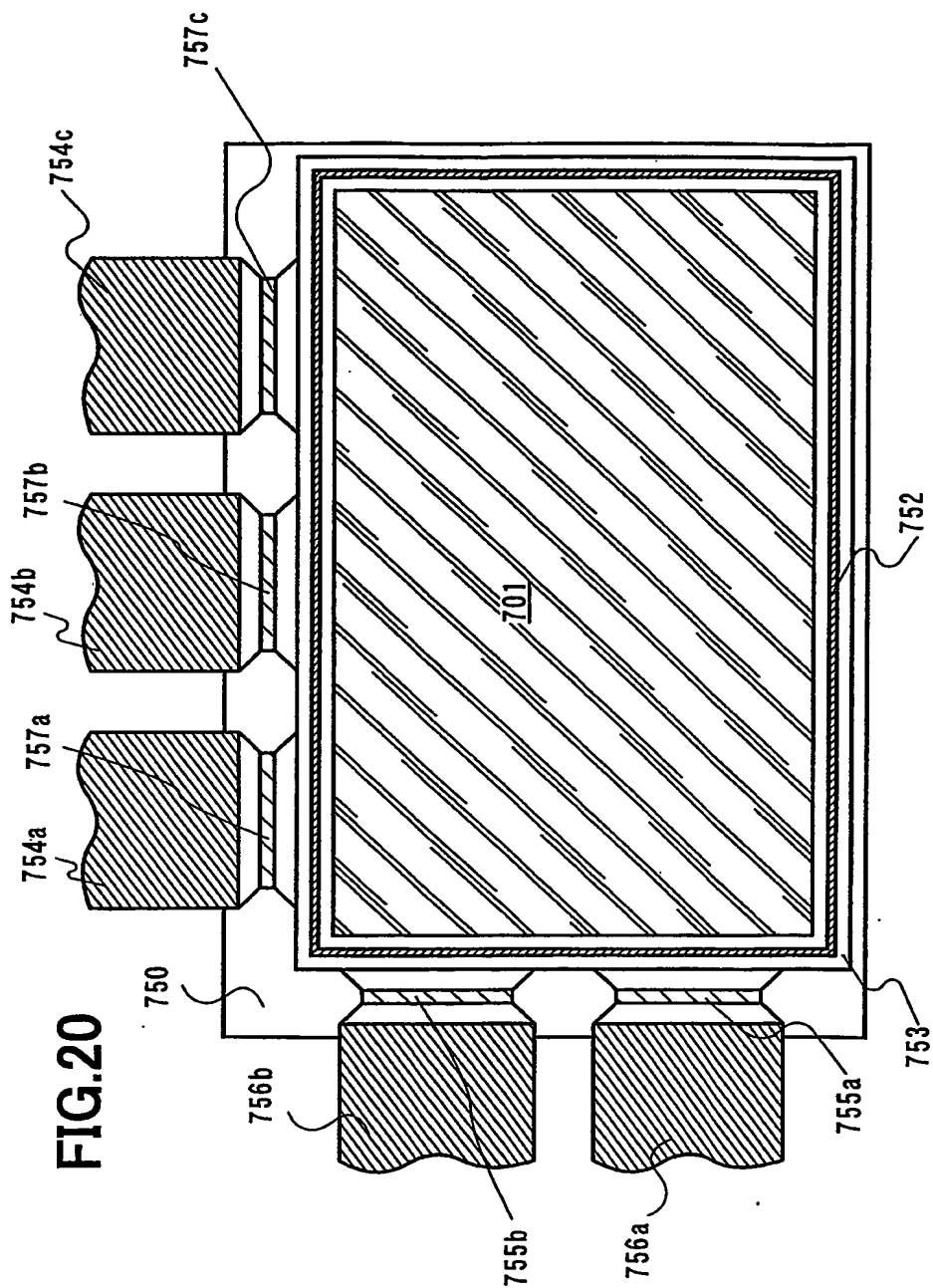
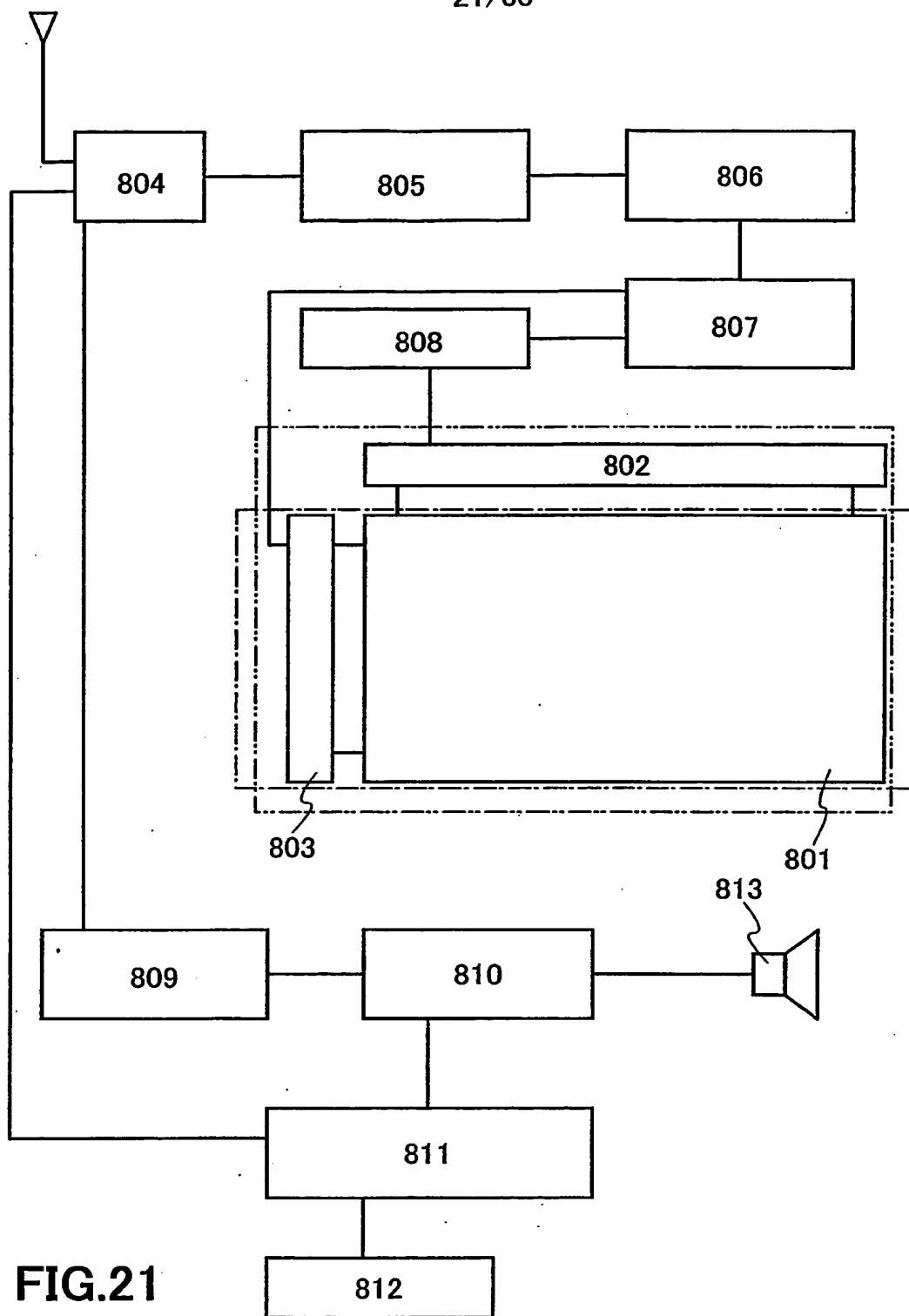


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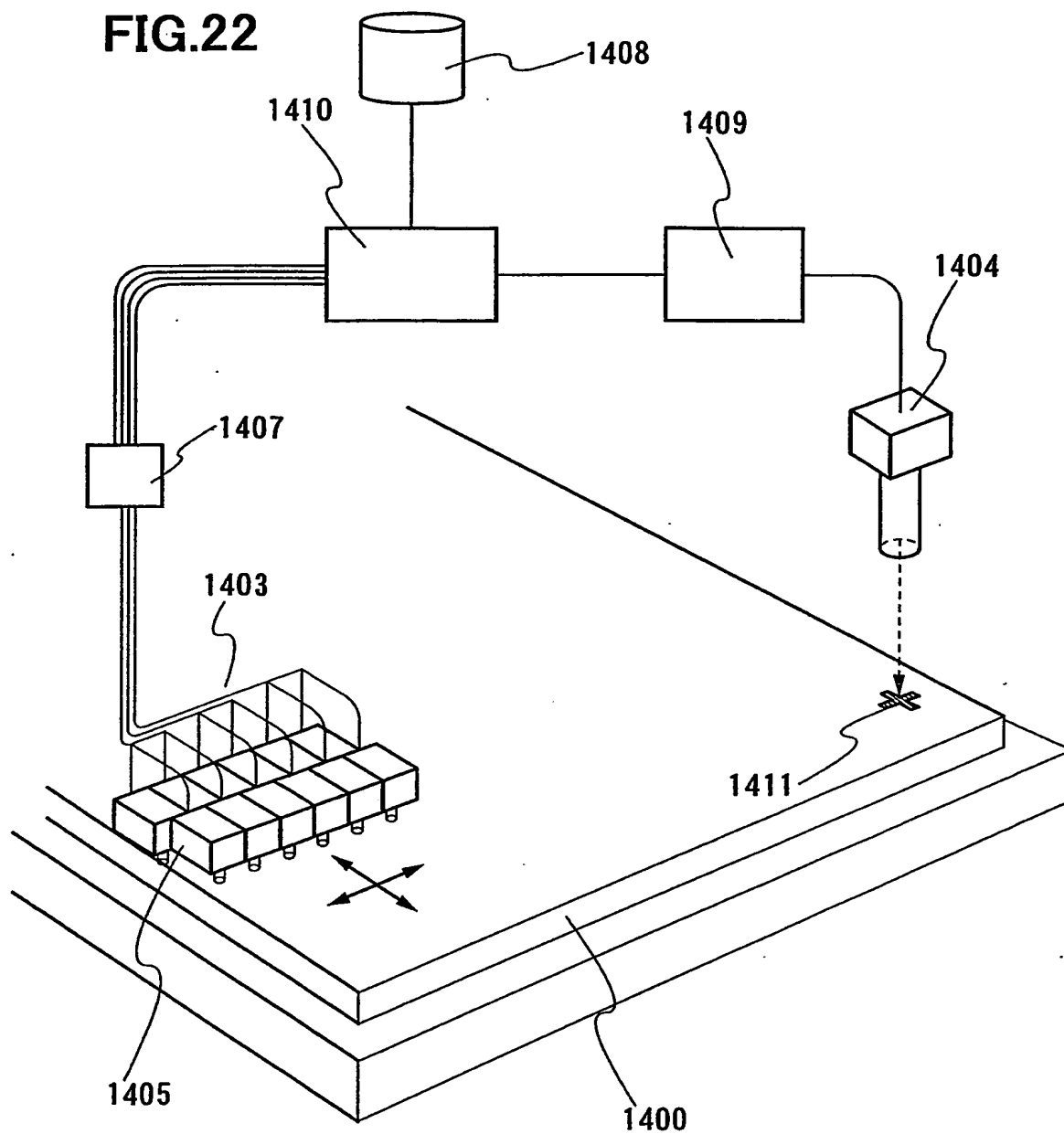
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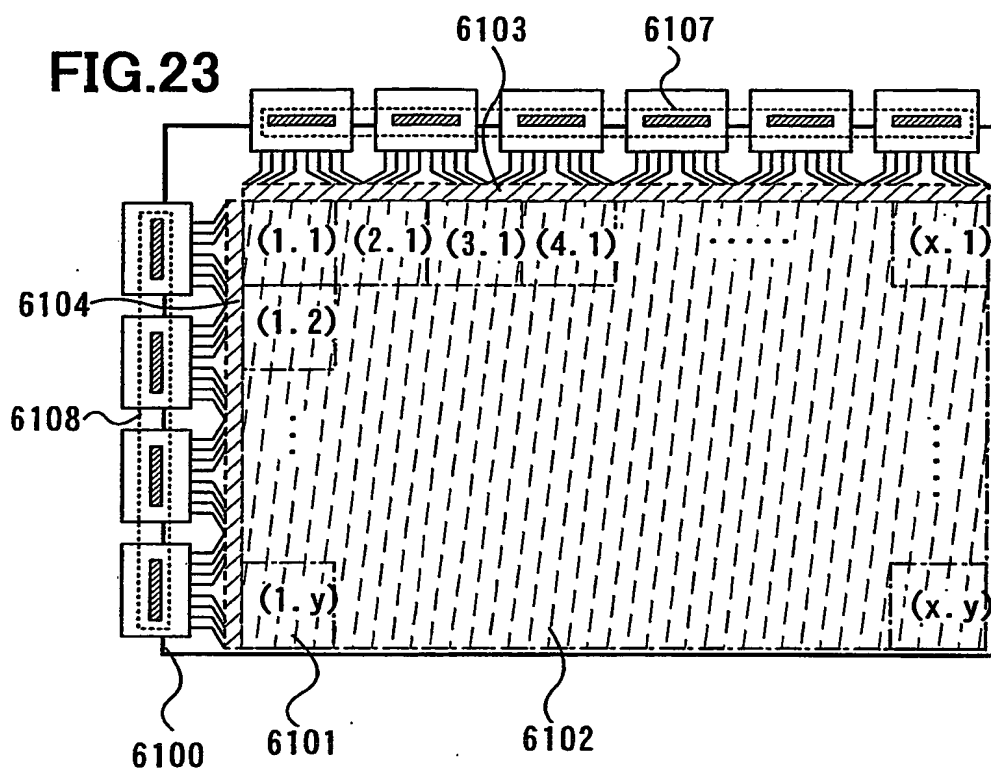
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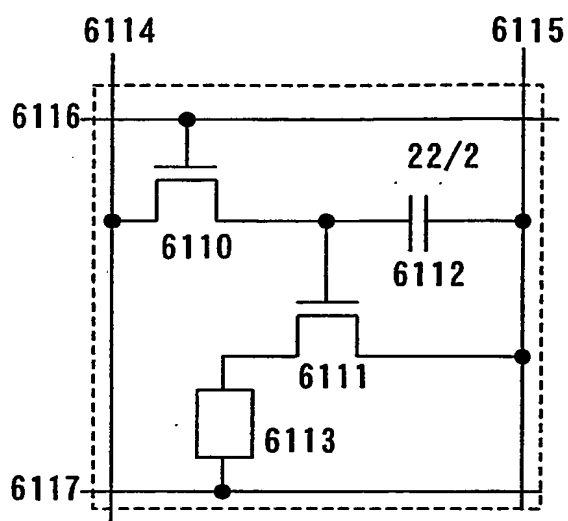


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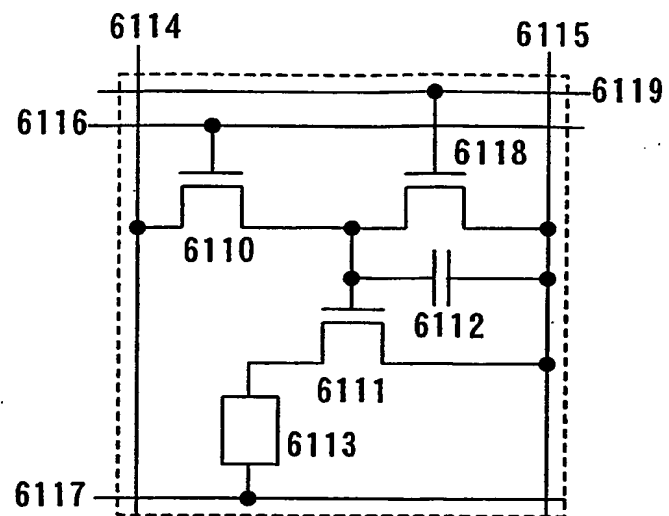


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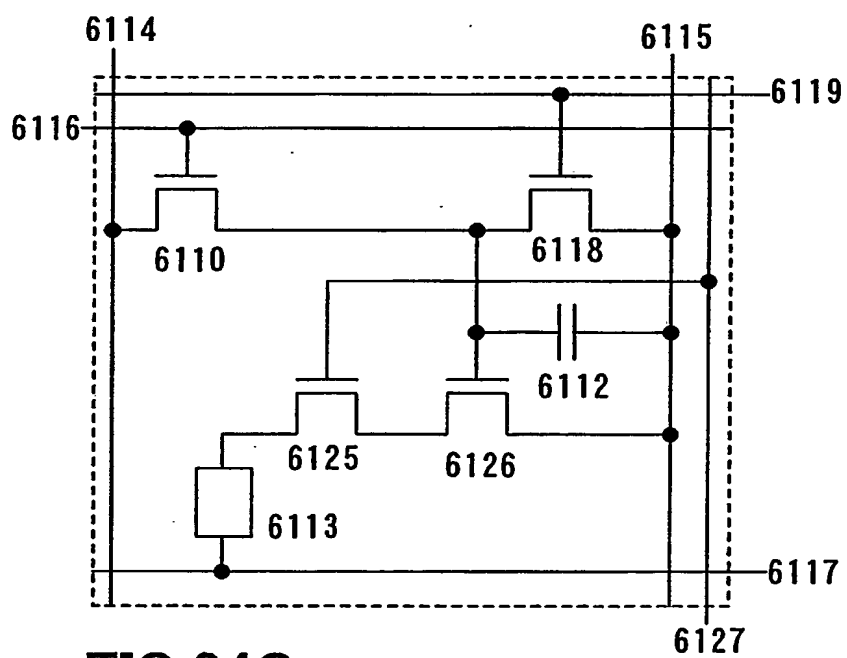
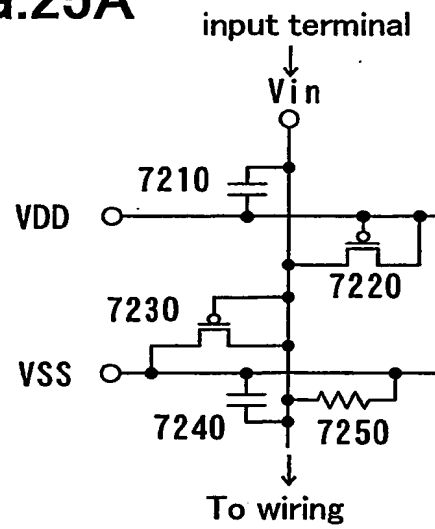
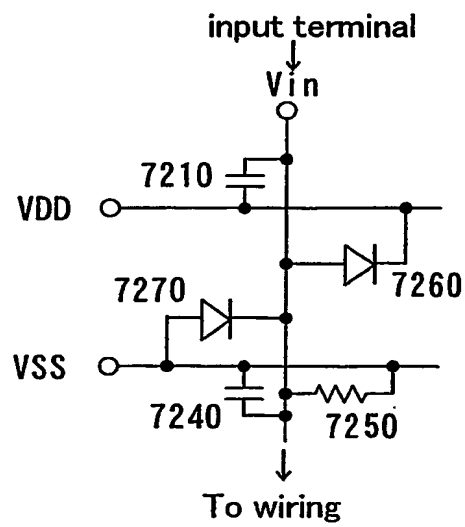


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FIG.25A**FIG.25B**

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FIG.26A

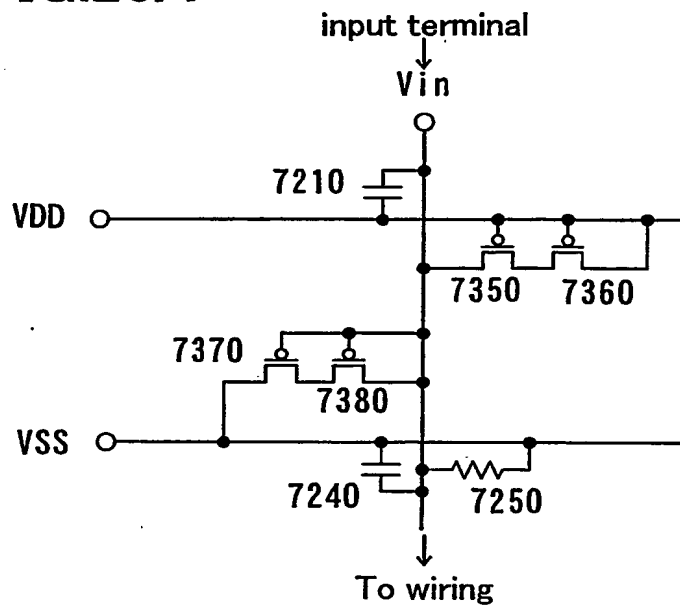


FIG.26B

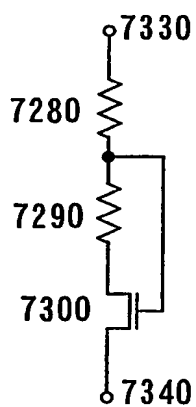
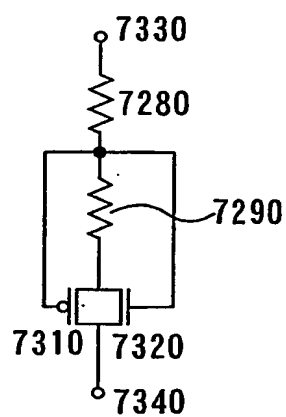
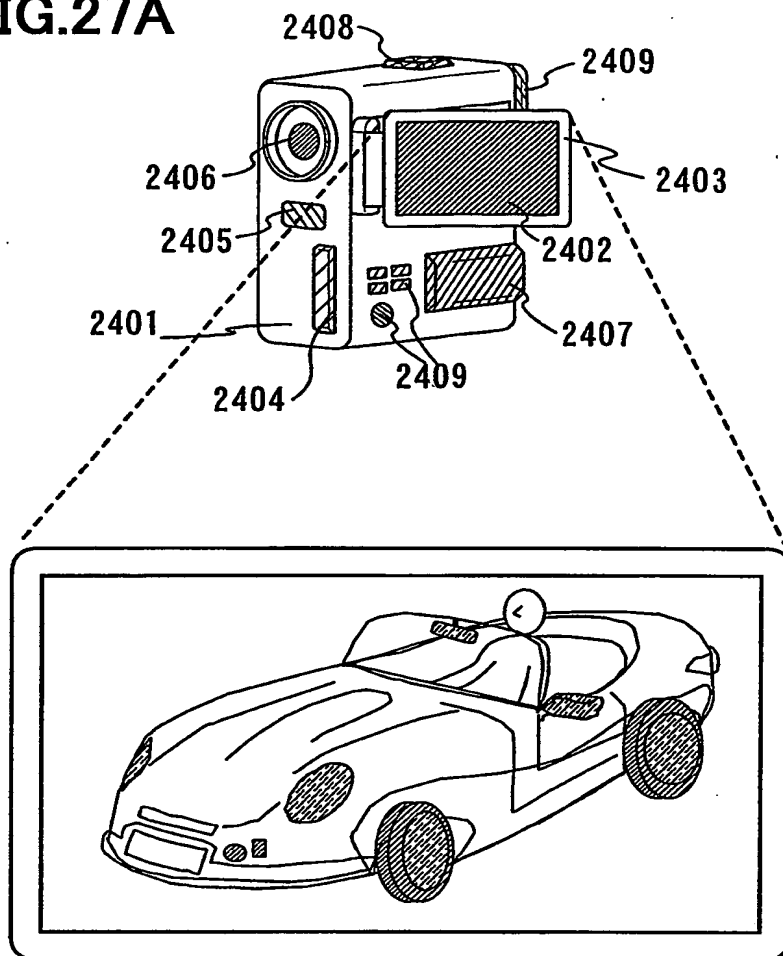


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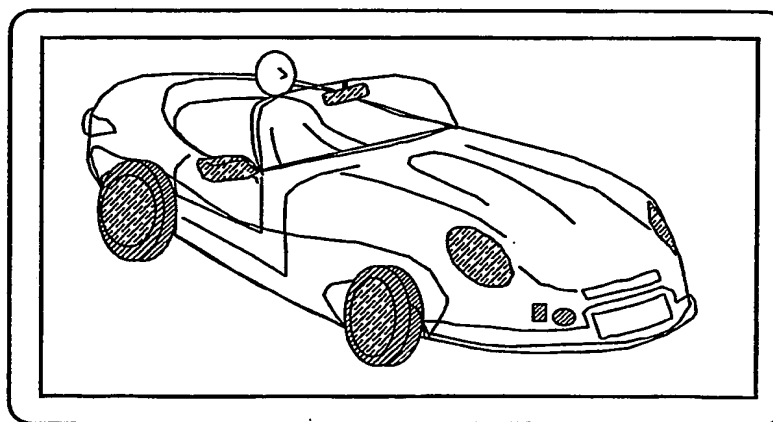


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FIG.27A



**FIG.
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EXPLANATION OF REFERENCE

100 substrate, 101 base film, 102 conductive layer, 103 conductive layer, 104 insulating
5 layer, 105 gate insulating layer, 106 conductive layer, 107 semiconductor layer, 108 N
type semiconductor layer, 109 channel protective film, 111 mask layer, 113 mask layer,
115 conductive layer, 116 conductive layer, 117 conductive layer, 118 through-hole, 120
insulating layer, 121 electroluminescent layer, 122 conductive layer, 140 conductive
material, 1400 substrate, 1403 droplet discharge means, 1404 imaging means, 1405
10 head, 1407 control means, 1408 storage medium, 1409 image processing means, 1410
computer

1411 marker, 150 sealing substrate, 151 sealant, 160 gate wiring layer, 1601 TFT, 1601
switching TFT, 1602 TFT, 1603 light emitting element, 1604 capacitor element, 1601
TFT, 1602 TFT, 1606 signal line, 1607 power supply line, 1605 scanning line, 1603
15 pixel electrode, 1604 capacitor element, 161 anisotropic conductive layer, 162 flexible
printed circuit board (FPC), 200 substrate, 2001 chassis, 2002 display panel, 2003 main
screen, 2004 modem, 2005 receiver, 2006 remote control unit, 2007 display portion,
2008 sub screen, 201 base film, 202 conductive layer, 203 conductive layer, 205 gate
insulating layer, 206 conductive layer, 207 semiconductor layer, 2101 main body, 2102
20 chassis, 2103 display portion, 2104 keyboard, 2105 external connection port, 2106
pointing mouse, 211 mask layer, 213 mask layer, 215 conductive layer, 216 conductive
layer, 217 conductive layer, 220 insulating layer, 2201 main body, 2202 chassis, 2203
display portion A, 2204 display portion B, 2206 operation key, 2207 speaker portion,
221 electroluminescent layer, 222 conductive layer, 230 conductive layer, 2301 main

body, 2302 audio output portion, 2303 audio input portion, 2304 display portion, 2305 operation switch, 2306 antenna, 231 conductive layer, 2401 main body, 2402 display portion, 2403 chassis, 2404 external connection port, 2405 remote control receiving portion, 2406 image receiving portion, 2407 battery, 2408 audio input portion, 2409 operation key, 300 substrate, 301 base film, 302 conductive layer, 303 conductive layer, 305 gate insulating layer, 306 conductive layer, 307 semiconductor layer, 308 N type semiconductor layer, 309 channel protective film, 311 mask layer, 313 mask layer, 315 conductive layer, 316 conductive layer, 317 conductive layer, 318 through-hole, 320 insulating layer, 321 electroluminescent layer, 322 conductive layer, 341 insulating layer, 450 substrate, 451 transistor, 452 source-drain wiring, 454 electrode, 455 electroluminescent layer, 456 electrode, 461 source-drain wiring, 462 wiring, 463 electrode, 464 electroluminescent layer, 465 electrode, 470 source-drain wiring, 472 electrode, 473 electroluminescent layer, 474 electrode, 500 substrate, 501 base film, 502 conductive layer, 503 conductive layer, 505 gate insulating layer, 506 conductive layer, 507 semiconductor layer, 508 N type semiconductor layer, 511 mask layer, 513 mask layer, 515 conductive layer, 516 conductive layer, 517 conductive layer, 518 through hole, 520 insulating layer, 521 electroluminescent layer, 522 conductive layer, 6101 pixel, 6102 pixel portion, 6103 protection circuit, 6104 driver IC, 6107 driver IC, 6110 TFT, 6100 substrate, 6111 TFT, 6112 capacitor element, 6113 light emitting element, 6114 signal line, 6115 power supply line, 6116 scanning line, 6118 TFT, 6119 scanning line, 6125 TFT, 6126 TFT, 6127 wiring, 700 substrate, 750 substrate, 701 base film, 7250 resistor element, 751 pixel portion, 752 sealant, 702 conductive layer, 753 opposing substrate, 703 conductive layer, 754a FPC, 754b FPC, 754c FPC, 755a driver IC, 755b driver IC, 705 gate insulating layer, 706 conductive layer, 756a FPC,

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